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LONDON, TO-DAY.

"BRITAIN IS CONVINCED MUSSOLINI WILL NOT ENTER THE CONFLICT AT GERMANY'S SIDE BY DECLARING WAR AGAINST THE ALLIES," WRITES G. WARD PRICE IN THE "DAILY MAIL."

Mr. Ward Price believes that at a moment considered opportune, Italy will seize "some territory" in the Mediterranean which she would keep in case of a German victory.

In the event of an Allied victory she would use the territory as a basis for bargaining at the peace conference.

Mr. Ward Price says Yugo-Slavia cannot prevent Italy seizing the Dalmatian coast and would then be faced with a German invasion of Croatia, where a puppet government would be installed.

After declaring that some Italian action is imminent, the writer adds the opinion prevails in Italy that Hitler fears a second winter of war and the consequences of a Roosevelt reelection in November.

ONLY A BLIND?

The Italians also expect a German offensive on the western front in the summer.

Concluding, Mr. Ward Price expresses the opinion that rumours of a German attack on the Maginot Line are probably a blind to hide preparations for a lightning offensive against the Balkans.—Havas.

YUGO-SLAVS SHOOT DOWN ITALIAN PLANES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Yugo-Slavian anti-aircraft guns shot down two Italian planes, according to reports received from the Belgrade correspondent of the "Evening Standard." The planes were flying over Yugo-Slavian territory near Albania.—Havas.

FRENCH TROOPS LAND IN SCOTLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

It is officially announced that French troops which participated in the Norwegian campaign landed on Sunday at an unnamed harbour in Scotland.—Havas.

caused by the almost complete disruption of trade relations with the rest of the north.—Havas.

HUMILIATION DAY ABOLISHED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

The abolition of National Humiliation Day, commemorating the Twenty-One Demands by Japan, has been decided by the Government.

An official communique points out that the war of resistance has already wiped out all feeling of humiliation.

July 7, anniversary of the Loukuchiao Incident, is designated simultaneously as a national holiday under the name "Resistance and Reconstruction Day."—Havas.

KREMLIN'S ATTITUDE CLEARER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The Soviet policy remains mysterious but signs of an evolution of the Kremlin's attitude in view of recent events are seen by Swedish observers.

Well-informed quarters confirm that Soviet diplomacy is extremely active in Stockholm, and it is even asserted that the Soviet Minister, Madame Kollontai, has opened negotiations for the purchase by Russia of Swedish iron ore.

In addition, the Moscow correspondent of the "Aftonbladet" reports that Russian action in the Balkans has developed in a manner constituting a veritable economic offensive against Germany.

The correspondent adds the Kremlin is showing displeasure at Italy's bellicose attitude. While no direct attacks have been launched by the Soviet press against Italy, the papers have been recalling the part played by Mussolini in the Spanish Civil War.—Havas.

APPROACHES MADE

Stockholm, To-day.

Swedish trade circles are examining the possibility of developing commercial exchanges with Russia, semi-official circles here state.

Although formal conversations have not yet started, "approaches" have already been made.

The Swedish initiative was chiefly

DESPERATE NORWEGIAN RESISTANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Norwegian troops in the Gaul Valley are offering a desperate resistance to the German advance and violent fighting is taking place east of Stoeren, the Swedish press reports.

The Norwegians are trying to form a "bottle-neck" in which the German push could be easily stopped.

Meanwhile, German reinforcements are steadily arriving and severe fighting is expected to take place near Roeros, on which the Germans are now advancing.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST:—East and south-east winds, moderate; cloudy, showery.

and Germany asserts she will respect Sweden's integrity and independence.—Havas.

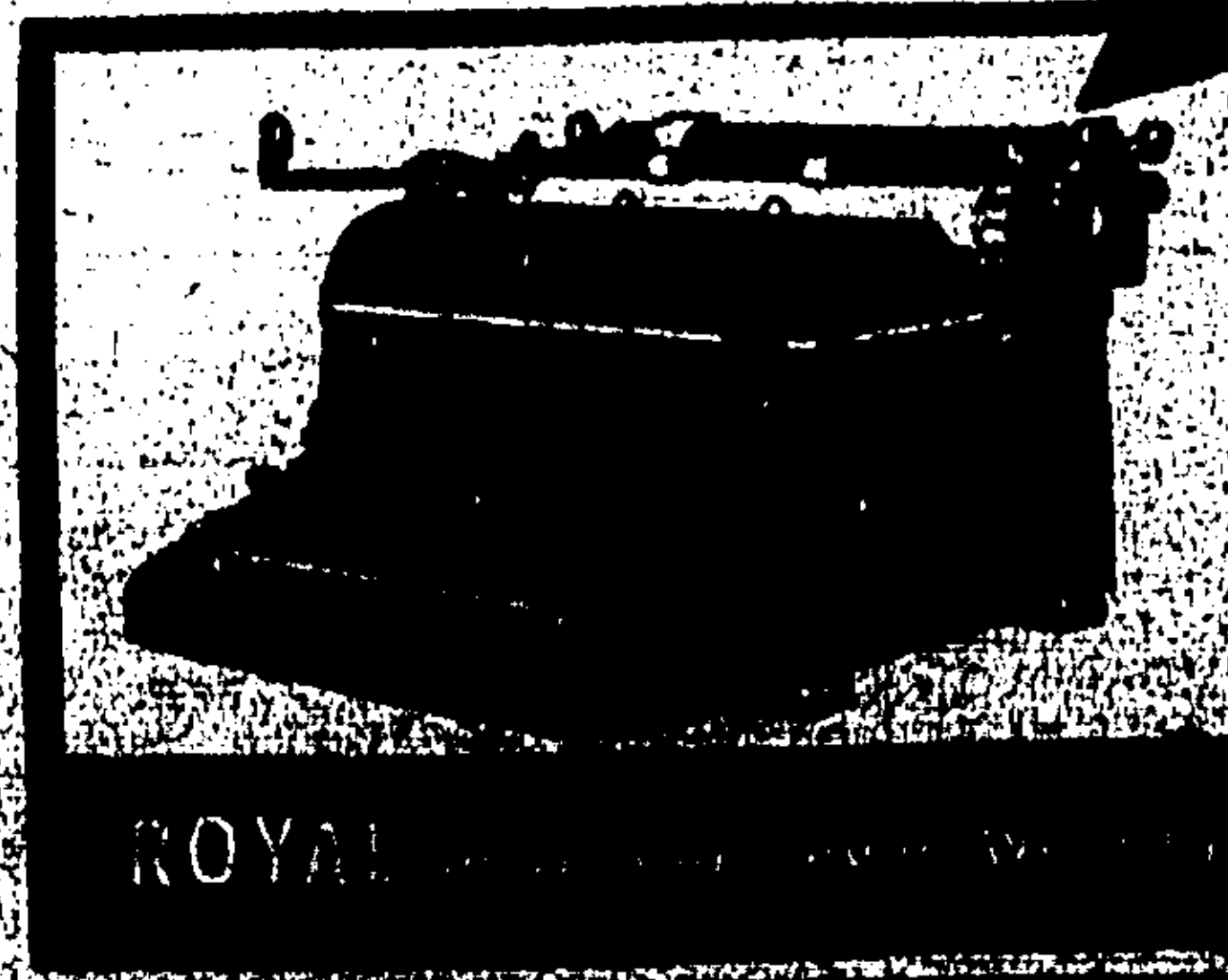
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TO-DAY'S DEBATE IN THE HOUSE

London, To-day.

THE BRITISH PRESS YESTERDAY did not give much space to speculations about Tuesday's debate in Commons, most of the papers being content to put forward their own views. Opinions differ, but they have one thing in common — their insistence on absolute realism.

The "Daily Express" says: — "We may be confident, but we must not be complacent."

The "Daily Telegraph" says that the Government's duty is to give a full explanation of everything that has happened. The public is waiting with an open mind, perplexed by various questions to which an answer is expected. It may well be that the Government has a complete answer and in that case it will enjoy the continued confidence of the people.

There is little suggestion in the British Press that the Government were wrong to attempt the expedition to central Norway, but some papers — such as the Labour "Daily Herald" — say that if the Government knew that it was such a difficult job it ought not to have made such complacent statements.

The "News Chronicle" believes that the first humdrum months of the war have lulled us into under-estimating the enemy. That and complacency

are the only things which can lead us to defeat.

A WARNING

Under the heading "A Warning and An Opportunity," an editorial in "The Times" discusses the organization and machinery of Government, a subject the paper has been dealing with during the past few days.

The main effect on the people of the withdrawals from Norway (says "The Times") has been to stiffen their determination to make a greater effort than ever before. There has been a setback, leading to the conclusion that there is room for improvement.

An important requirement would be to broaden the whole basis of the Government by having in it members of the Labour Party. The Labour Party will be in the Government before the war is over, says "The Times" and it is now the Labour Party's duty to put forward candidates for office.—Reuter.

LABOUR LEADERS WIN LIBEL ACTION

London, To-day.

SIR WALTER CITRINE and six other members of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress won a libel action in the King's Bench Division yesterday against the official Communist organ, "Daily Worker."

Plaintiffs alleged that the "Daily Worker," in articles last December, imputed that they had betrayed the interests of the Trade Union movement by wartime co-operation with the Government and employers while pretending to safeguard the interests of the workers.

The defence was a plea of fair comment on matters of public interest.

Sir Walter Citrine was awarded £300 damages, four plaintiffs £200 each and the two other plaintiffs £150 each. — Reuter.

TURCO-RUMANIAN TRADE TALKS

Bucharest, To-day.

A Turkish economic delegation has arrived here to open negotiations with the Rumanian economic authorities.

The Turkish Ambassador will preside at the talks.—Reuter.

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Mr. A. F. Paul of No. 3, Causeway Hill, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, with driving car, No. 2317 under the influence of liquor at Pedder Street on April 24. Mr. D. McCallum pleaded guilty on behalf of the defendant.

Traffic Inspector F. J. Clarke told the Court that at about 12.35 p.m. on April 24, a Chinese Police Sergeant on duty in Pedder Street saw a European get into a car. The European turned on the head lights of the car, and started to drive onto the pavement. The Sergeant requested him not to drive, and smelt alcohol on defendant's breath.

Later with the help of passers-by, the sergeant pushed the car back to the car park, where defendant got out and went into the Hong Kong Hotel, half stumbling. When a traffic Sergeant got to the hotel, he saw defendant came out and go to the car; defendant was then taken to the Station.

Inspector Clarke said he was instructed to ask the Court to impose a maximum fine.

A fine of \$100 was imposed.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has moved east-

BLACKOUT OFFENCES

Lieut.-Col. H. L. Murrow, the General Manager of the "Daily Press," was fined \$20 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning for driving his car with both head-lights on during last blackout.

Traffic Sub-Inspector Sze Wai-ming said that he saw Col. Murrow driving along Gascolgne Road and turning into Nathan Road with head-lights on during the blackout.

Mr. A. el Arculli pleaded guilty on behalf of Col. Murrow, stating that his client left the office in the afternoon and went to United Services Recreation Club, Gascolgne Road, with the intention of leaving his car there overnight.

Unfortunately, said Mr. Arculli, Col. Murrow forgot about the blackout later.

A fine of \$15 was imposed on W. W. McCombe, of Marble Hall, for a similar offence. He stated that he had only been in the Colony for two weeks and was not fully cognisant with the regulations.

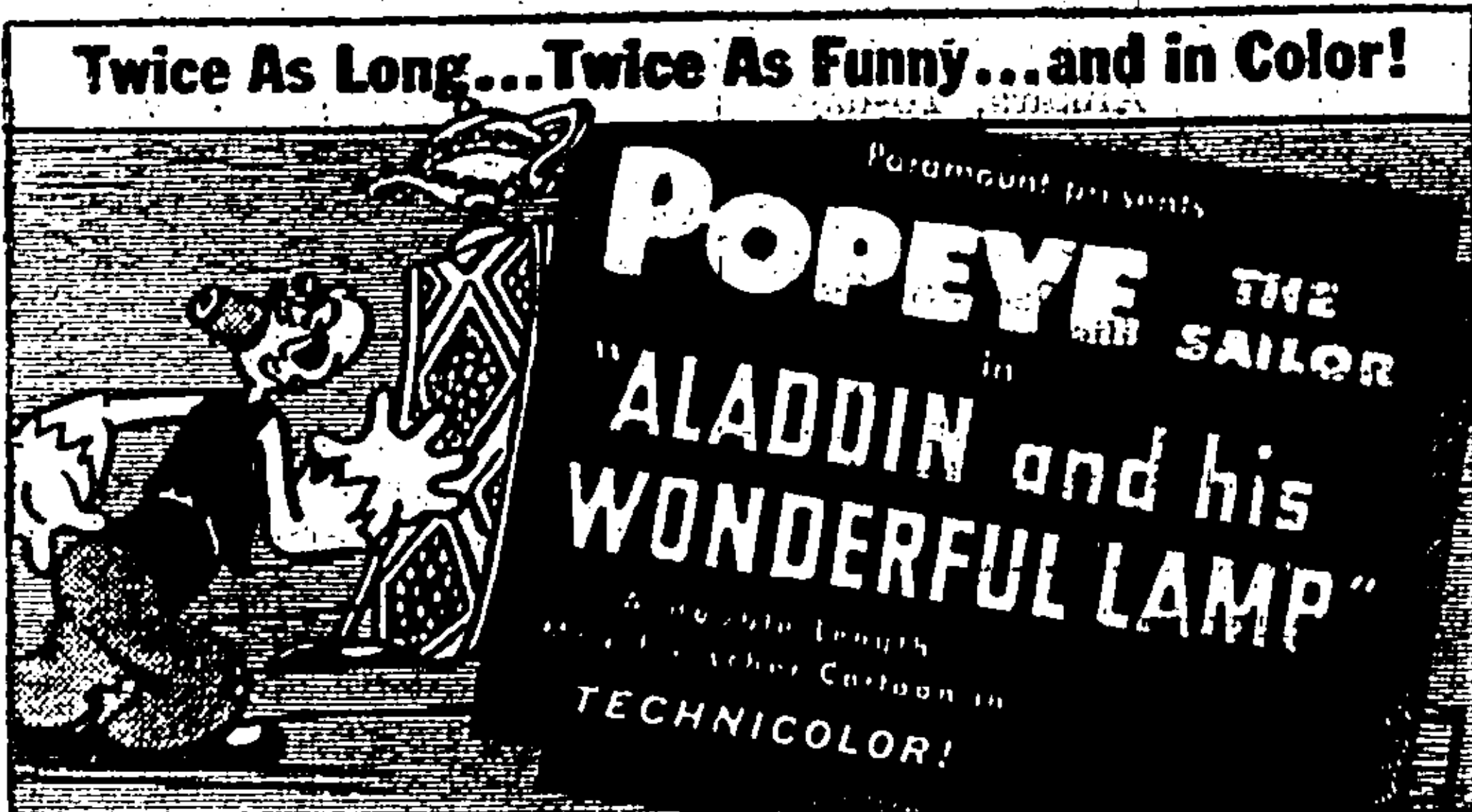
P. E. Pododgin, of Argyle Street, was fined \$5 for failing to obscure his car's lights properly whilst driving in Waterloo Road that night.

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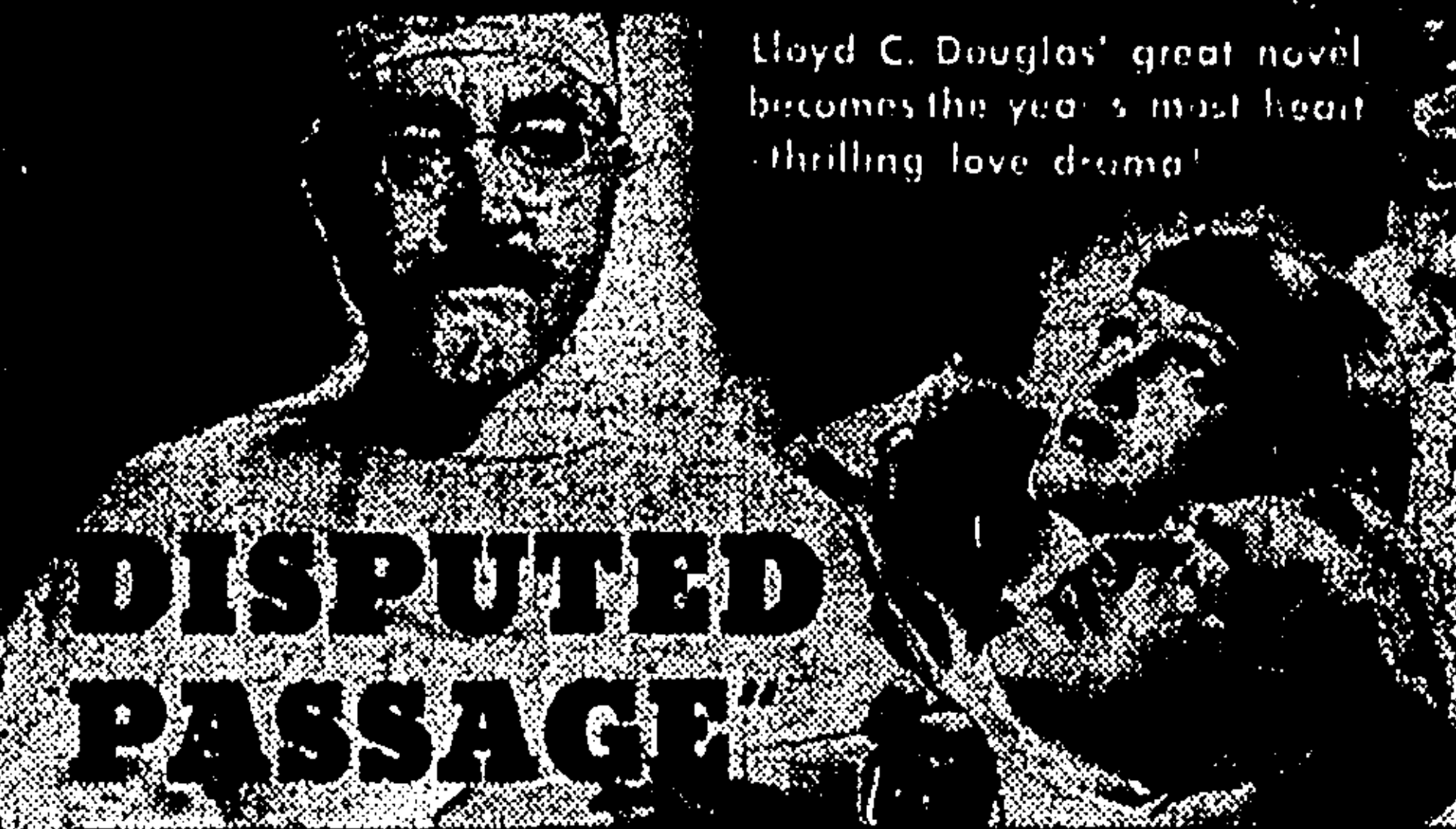
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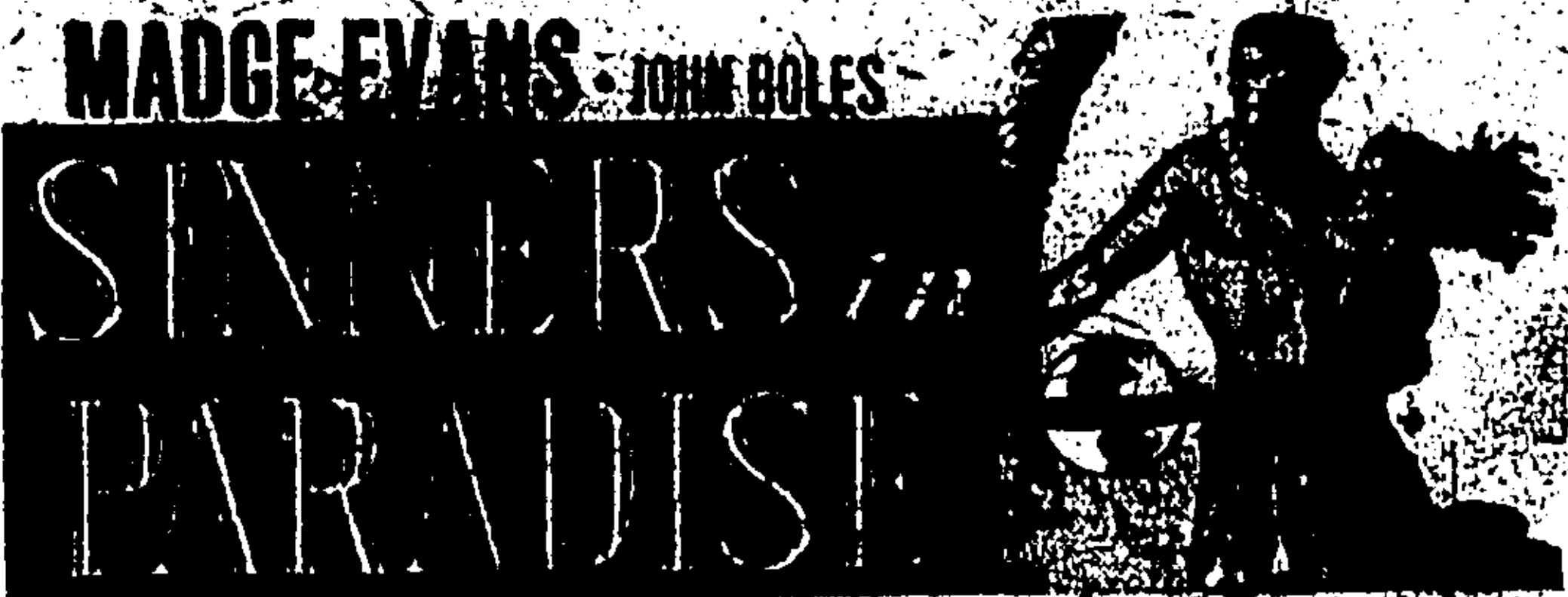
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PRECAUTIONS AT SUEZ

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Cairo, To-day.

As a result of the Mediterranean tension experts are examining the possibility of strengthening Suez Harbour owing to its strategic importance in time of war.

A plan is being drafted for the doubling of the Cairo-Suez Railway.—Havas.

CATHOLICS PERSECUTED

Vatican City, To-day.

The Primate of Poland has informed the Pope that German-speaking families from Italian Tyrol are to be sent to German-occupied Poland next August.

The Primate also presented a report giving details of the Nazi persecutions of Polish Catholics.

The report refers to the death of 39 priests of six dioceses by shooting or from torture in prison.—Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE QUIETNESS

London, To-day.

To-day's parliamentary debate was the main topic of conversation on the Stock Exchange yesterday. Business was quiet, most industrials tending to go lower. Japanese Bonds were offered at the outset and initial later better supported and initial losses were partially recovered. Gilt-edged securities strengthened, while tea shares met enquiry.

Wall Street was irregular.—Reuter.

London, To-day.
COMMENTING ON GERMANY'S attempts to sow fear and suspicion in South-East Europe by alleging that Britain is preparing to march troops through Greece, semi-official circles in London point to a curious discrepancy in the latest efforts.

NAZI SHIP BLOWN UP

Stockholm, To-day.

A German steamer and a Swedish trawler are reported to have been blown up yesterday off Vinga, outside the port of Gothenburg, when 12 Swedish trawlers and the steamer suddenly found themselves among a shoal of floating mines.

The trawler's crew of four were lost but the crew of the German steamer, totalling 35, reached the Swedish coast safely.—Reuter.

JAPAN LIMITS HER LUMBER EXPORTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

The export of lumber to yen bloc countries will soon be placed under drastic limitation in view of the brisk demand at home, stimulated particularly by the progress of wooden construction throughout the country, says the "Japan Times."

The Commerce and Industry Ministry will place limitation for the current year at 49,500,000 yen. In previous years the export of lumber to the yen bloc area totalled about 90 per cent. of Japan's lumber exports.—Havas.

This effort, by way of the German "news" agency, tells of a party held by British officers embarking from Aadalnes, in which it is alleged that the British officers sang a ditty running as follows:—

"Hang your washing on the columns of Greece,

"That's the way to victory and peace," or words to that effect.

It is officially stated in London that there is absolutely no truth in this report. These semi-official circles, in addition, point out that earlier the same "news" agency put out stories trying to show that the Allied withdrawal was really a headlong flight. The present account of a party, therefore, does not seem to quite fit in with the original German picture.—Reuter.

PRELUDE TO GERMAN ACTION?

London, To-day.

The Ministry of Information states: "During the last 36 hours the German wireless and news services have been spreading unscrupulous stories about impending trouble on the Balkan frontiers."

"Many of the stories conflict. Others issued from Berlin are denied—also from Berlin—an hour or two later after issue.

"The purpose is clear. By spreading these stories Germany seeks to create just that atmosphere of uncertainty which will favour her own purpose."—Reuter.

TURKEY ISSUES DENIAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Ankara, To-day.

The Anatolia Agency categorically denied the report emanating from Sofia that Turkish troops have been concentrated on the Greek frontier.

The Agency specified that troops were withdrawn from the frontier without delay as soon as they completed their period of instruction.—Havas.

JAPANESE COTTON FEARS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

The Cotton Industrial Federation is planning to move to China a large group of medium-sized and small spinning companies.

The movement is prompted by the difficulties facing Japanese spinners since the banning of domestic consumption of cotton goods. The scheme would permit the meeting of the demand for low-grade cotton goods in China.

Many Japanese fear this demand may soon be met by foreign concerns should prompt action not be taken by Japanese firms.—Havas.

EGYPTIAN DEFENCE MEASURES

Cairo, To-day.

From now on, people wishing to leave Egypt will have to obtain an "exit permit."

Fire-arm permits have also been cancelled and penalties are laid down to cover anyone found in possession of fire-arms or explosives.—Reuter.

"BRITISH SUBMARINE CAPTURED"

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY GIVES ALLEGED DETAILS OF THE CAPTURE OF A BRITISH SUBMARINE IN THE KATTEGAT.

It says the submarine was drifting dangerously in the middle of a mined area when German patrol vessels approached.

A German officer took command and the submarine was towed from the danger zone with the assistance of minesweepers.

The British said they had struck a mine and became incapable of diving and owing to engine trouble they were also unable to continue the voyage on the surface.

"The crew were glad to be rescued, particularly as the ship had been lying at the bottom of the sea some time after the explosion," says the statement, concluding by saying the submarine was taken to a German port.—Reuter.

GOERING REJECTED

BUCHAREST, TO-DAY.

FIELD-MARSHAL GOERING, WHO IS A DIRECTOR OF THE SKODA WORKS, IS DAILY EXPECTED HERE.

It is understood the Nazis have been sounding the Rumanian authorities on a proposal that Goering be elected to the board of the Sarex Company, a trading branch of the Skoda works in Rumania which owns shares in the principal arms firms in Rumania and is represented on their respective boards.

It is believed Goering's brother is seeking this representation but that the idea has already been rejected by the Rumanians.—Reuter.

NEW MILITARY COMMISSIONERS

Amsterdam, To-day.

By virtue of the present state of siege in Holland the Defence Minister has appointed the commanders of the garrison at Amsterdam, The Hague and Rotterdam as military commissioners in the three cities—the leading cities in the country.—Reuter.

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AUTHORITATIVE ESTIMATE

London, To-day.

A CLOSE SCRUTINY of all available information shows that during the past four weeks German losses in aircraft greatly exceed those of Britain, despite the higher risks to which the R.A.F. and the Fleet Air Arm were inevitably exposed during the Norwegian campaign.

British losses on all fronts are shown to have totalled 48 machines; Germany, on the other hand, is computed to have lost for certain 138 planes, while as many as 97 others have been probably completely destroyed or put out of action for some time.

These figures are based on Air Ministry and Admiralty announcements, authoritative reports in the neutral and Norwegian press and news agency and newspaper despatches received in London.

To these figures must be added machines destroyed on the ground or in the sea during British raids on German air bases in Norway, of which only the Germans know.

CLAIM DENIED

Meanwhile it is stated at the Air Ministry that two Sunderland flying-boats anchored off the coast of Norway on Sunday were damaged by machinegun fire in an attack by German planes.

The German claim to have shot down two Bristol Blenheim bombers is described as quite untrue.—Reuter.

AEROPLANE PRODUCTION SPEED-UP

London, To-day.

The start of an intensive campaign for speeding up the production of warplanes and the training of airmen is signalled by changes now announced in the training of airmen and the appointment of a controller of light alloys by the Air Ministry.

It is expected men will now be able to pass through the various training stages much more quickly.

The Empire air training scheme is being pressed forward, and in addition arrangements have now been made for training schools not only in France but in the French Empire. This will be a joint effort by the British and French Empires.

One of the difficulties of production hitherto has been connected with light alloys, production of which has had to be multiplied many times compared to peacetime requirements.

This has hitherto been in the hands of volunteer controllers, lacking certain powers, and a fulltime controller with the necessary powers has now been appointed.—Reuter.

RUMANIAN DEFENCE EXERCISES

Bucharest, To-day.

Extensive civil defence exercises will be held here to-day to accustom the population to air raid emergencies. Similar exercises will be held in provincial towns on May 14.—Reuter.

GERMAN MISSION FAILS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Belgrade, To-day.

Germann Ester, the Nazi official entrusted with the unsuccessful negotiations with Yugoslavia in connexion with the influx of "tourists," has left Belgrade for Germany.

Yugo-Slavia's answer to the German request for increased "tourist" traffic was that women and children under 15 could enter the country freely.—Havas.

LORD MAYOR'S FUND

London, To-day.

Increasing by £3,000 yesterday, the Lord Mayor's Red Cross Fund passed the £1,400,000 mark last night.—British Wireless.

GOVT. OUTWITTED, OUTPACED

London, To-day.

Mr. Hugh Dalton, speaking at a Labour Party meeting at Cambridge last night, expressed the view that the events in Norway, which had lowered British prestige abroad, had shaken confidence at home—not in the certainty of an ultimate Allied victory, of which he declared his renewed conviction, but in the directive organisation and personnel of the country's war effort.

He said: "Only our fighting men, soldiers, sailors and airmen, have done well in Norway—and they have done magnificently—but our political leaders, as so often before, have been outwitted and outpaced by our adversaries."—British Wireless.

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"VERY GREAT" NORWEGIAN LOSSES

ROYAL NAVY SHELLS NAZIS IN NARVIK

London, To-day.

THE ALLIED FORCES ARE still besieging Narvik. A War Office communique says that there is nothing to report. It is learned here that the weather is very bad and the Germans, who are believed to number between 3,000 and 4,000 men, have fortified the town and dug themselves in.

The Allies are taking all measures to prevent reinforcements and equipment from reaching the Nazi garrison, and the Royal Navy shells the town from time to time.

Norwegians Hold Out

London, To-day.

According to the Norwegian telegraph agency Norwegian troops are still holding out in the wild Gul Valley between Roeros and Stoeren.

A detachment of 250 German soldiers passed through Roeros yesterday en route to Guldal.

The Norwegian troops at Trysil, north-east of Elverum, retreated on orders received after the Allied evacuation, and it is believed they will disperse.

The Germans are reported to have arrested many civilian Norwegians.

alleging they assisted the Norwegian armed forces.—Reuter.

Very Great Losses

London, To-day.

"Our losses have been very great," declared Professor Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, in an interview with Reuter yesterday.

Prof. Koht added vast numbers had been killed or wounded or had disappeared, and the great part of the Norwegian forces had been lost.

They had still, however, in the far north a very fine army absolutely intact and it should be of great

DR. KOHT'S VISIT TO NO. 10

London, To-day.

Dr. Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, had an interview with Lord Halifax at the Foreign Office yesterday and later saw Mr. Chamberlain at 10, Downing Street.

His visit was planned some time ago and makes possible much closer consultation than it was possible to establish amid all the difficulties of the early stages of the campaign in Norway.

With him is Colonel Ljunberg, Norwegian Minister of Defence, who came to London direct from the fighting front. He, with other Norwegian naval and military officers, will be able to give most useful advice concerning the Norwegian terrain and the most suitable tactics.—Reuter.

assistance to the Allies, especially as it was the strongest part of the army and knew every inch of the difficult country.

This force was well-equipped but there was a shortage of anti-aircraft guns.

Regarding the size of the German army in Norway, Prof. Koht said it might be 50,000 or 100,000, but in any case it was very large.

ATTITUDE OF SWEDEN

He also stated no appeal of any kind had been made by the Norwegian Government to Sweden for assistance.

They did not want their "good Swedish friends" to be dragged through the misery they were going through and suffer the same fate as themselves.

Sweden, he said, would remain neutral as long as she was able, but what the future would bring was a matter of conjecture.

Referring to what had been written about the alleged treachery of Norwegians and "Quislings in the country," Prof. Koht said he had not heard of a single instance of treachery. There were Nazi sympathisers in Norway but no Norwegian traitors.—Reuter.

TRENCH WARFARE AT NARVIK

London, To-day.

It is authoritatively stated in London that the Allied forces attacking Narvik, where it is believed some 3 to 4 thousand Germans are besieged are gradually closing in but no rapid success is expected largely owing to the severe snowstorms which are raging in that area.

The Germans in Narvik for a fortnight have been able to dig themselves in and a state approaching trench warfare has developed. It is pointed out that encounters must therefore take the form of attacks by British troops on set German positions.

Reports that heavy naval bombardments have been directed against the town and shore batteries are regarded as greatly exaggerated.—British Wireless.

BULGARIA READY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Sofia, To-day.

"Although we will do everything to maintain our neutrality, the Bulgarian people must be prepared to defend their independence," declared the War Minister, General Daskaloff, speaking on the occasion of Army Day.

King Boris, civilian and military officials, and the Diplomatic Corps were present at the ceremony.—Havas.

STRUBE CARTOON

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A CARTOON IN THE "DAILY EXPRESS" IS A GOOD INDICATION OF HOW THE PEOPLE OF BRITAIN, WHILE WAITING FOR TUESDAY'S DEBATE IN COMMONS ON NORWAY, ARE REALISING MORE VIVIDLY THAN EVER BEFORE OUR GREAT ADVANTAGES AS A PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY.

The cartoon shows Hitler sitting in an arm-chair, with his jack-boots on the back of the German people. Goering is beside him.

In his hand is a report entitled "German Fleet Crippled" and the caption to the cartoon has Hitler saying: "Well, Hermann, no one can make us give a full account to our people if we don't want to!"—Reuter.

DENUNCIATION OF NAZI BOMBING

Washington, To-day.

"The bombing of helpless, unprotected civilians is a tragedy which has aroused the horror of all mankind," says President Roosevelt in a letter to the annual convention of the American Red Cross. The letter continues:

"I can assure you of my strongest support for any international convention which will give protection to civilian and non-combatant populations."—Reuter.

NORWAY WILL NOT CONCLUDE PEACE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Norway will not conclude peace with Germany, declared M. Halvdan Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, to the "Daily Sketch," adding that rumours of negotiations allegedly taking place between the legal government and the Reich are absurd.

The fact that King Haakon was still in Norway and he himself in London proved the falsity of the rumours.—Havas.

MR. ROOSEVELT'S SUDDEN RETURN

Hyde Park (N.Y.), To-day.

President Roosevelt left for Washington by special train yesterday afternoon, eight hours earlier than expected. No explanation was given by the President's staff.—Reuter.

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YUGO-SLAVIA READY FOR ANY DANGER

NAZI MANOEUVRING INSIDE COUNTRY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BELGRADE, TO-DAY.

IT CANNOT BE DOUBTED THAT GERMANY HAS ALREADY TAKEN MEASURES TO EVENTUALLY IMPOSE ON YUGO-SLAVIA THE FATE OF NORWAY BUT THE SITUATION ON THE SOUTH-EASTERN FRONTIER OF THE REICH IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.

The Yugo-Slavian authorities are aware of a probable attack and are maintaining vigilance, while the population and army are prepared to face any danger.

German manoeuvres preparing the ground for an eventual attack from inside were chiefly effected among the 500,000 strong German minority residing in the country. Gestapo agents have enlisted among members of the minority organisation and gauleiter for several districts have already been appointed.

DOUBLE ATTACK FEARED

Orders are transmitted by Reichswehr agents visiting the country under the guise of tourists. Observers are of opinion that an Italian attempt to annex Yugo-Slavia's Adriatic coast would find Germany invading Croatia and establishing a puppet government there. Nevertheless the task would be extremely difficult as all precautions have been taken.—Havas.

NORWAY'S MAIN FORCE IN NORTH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The possibility of Russian aggression has compelled Norway to concentrate her best troops in the northern part of the country for the last few months, and important stores and military equipment, especially planes and anti-aircraft guns, are established north of Narvik, Professor Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, revealed in a press interview yesterday.

Prof. Koht received the press at the end of his visit to London and prior to leaving for Paris.

"It is gratifying to feel my unhappy country does not stand alone.

"We considered it the duty of a small unmilitary nation to remain neutral and now we are all the more determined to defend ourselves.

STRONG DEFENCES

"In central Norway our troops withdrew when we were completely exhausted and suffered heavy losses. But the defences in the north are strong and the Allies will not let Germany get hold of our country." When he visits Paris, Prof. Koht will confer with the Premier, M. Reynaud, and the Defence Minister, M. Daladier.—Havas.

BRITISH ULTIMATUM INVENTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Pursuing the alarmist campaign regarding the Balkans, the Nazi press alleges that an ultimatum has been handed by Britain to Greece demanding the cession of eleven strategically situated islands.

The story is published in several important Nazi newspapers despite the fact that a previous announcement in the German press that Britain had informed Greece her troops would march through Greek territory was denied both in London and Athens.—Havas.

WE KNEW FAR WORSE REVERSE IN 1914

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

"THE STRATEGICAL setback we have just suffered in the Trondheim region must not shake our faith in victory," declared M. Mielliet, chairman of the army committee of the Chamber, in a broadcast speech yesterday.

"If the Allied High Command decided to abandon the attempts to dislodge the Germans from Trondheim, the military chiefs took their decision on technical reasons which we have no right to judge.

"We knew a far worse reverse in 1914 but we defeated our enemy. The Norwegian battle will be a long and costly one and we must be prepared for all sacrifices.

"We have suffered a setback but for the enemy the Norwegian operations constitute an extremely serious failure. The Swedish iron ore route is definitely closed to Germany, the German war industry has been severely hit and the Nazi fleet has been dealt a mortal blow."—Havas.

FORGED DOCUMENTS CHARGE

Chan Fong, 22, unemployed, and Pun Wai-lan, 25, married, were both brought before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning, on charges of possession of forged documents and of a forged die.

It was alleged that 15 forged pawn-tickets on the Kwan On Pawnshop, No. 57, Hollywood Road, were found in Chan's possession, and another 22 pawn-tickets and a forged die in the woman's possession.

Defendants were remanded 72 hours for further enquiries. Detective Sergeant J. Allen is in charge of the case.

NAZI CAMPAIGN OF RUMOURS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Sofia, To-day.

Observers here are convinced that reports of the alleged concentration of Turkish troops on the Bulgarian frontier emanated from German sources and constitute part of the Nazi campaign of spreading uneasiness among the small countries, thus creating a troubled situation favourable for the Reich's aims.

Political and trade relations between Turkey and Bulgaria have steadily improved, observers point out.—Havas.

MAFOO FOUND NOT GUILTY

"I was coached what to say by some fellow-prisoners and the statements I made at the Magistracy were made at random because I was frightened," said 22-year-old Wan Chung-ping, mafoo, in the witness-box at the Criminal Sessions this morning when the case in which he is charged with the murder of a farmer, Yeung Yuet, was resumed before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Accused confessed, under cross-examination by Mr. G. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Counsel, that practically all the statements made by him at the Magistracy were untrue.

He denied that he was armed with a knife in the teashop at 8.20 p.m. on March 8 when Yeung Yuet was fatally stabbed in the lung. He said that he took no part in the brawl in which some 20-odd farmers and mafoos were involved. He only picked up a stool to guard himself and ran out of the shop.

Addressing the jury, Mr. Percy Chen, counsel for the defence, pointed out that among 20 and 30 people in the teashop, only one man, according to the prosecution, alleged that he saw accused attack Yeung Yuet.

After the Chief Justice had summed up, the jury retired at 1 p.m. to consider its verdict.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

PARIS CONFERENCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The Premier, M. Reynaud, yesterday received M. Paul Emile Naggar, former Ambassador in Moscow and China. The two statesmen conferred at length.—Havas.

WORKING CLOTHES FOR MINERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

The Welfare Ministry, after consultations with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, has decided to distribute cotton working clothes to miners and farmers.

Eight hundred thousand engaged in mining and farming will be allowed to buy cotton goods this month, and next month 400,000 are scheduled to get non-staple fibre wear. The textiles to be distributed will not be 100 per cent cotton.—Havas.

POLES RATIONED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

The German authorities in Poland have imposed a very severe rationing system on the Polish population.

Germans are not affected by the regulations.—Havas.

CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

The appointment of Mr. Shao Li-tze as Chinese Ambassador to Moscow is officially announced in "Izvestia."—Havas.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

IT'S THE DICTATORS WHO WERE SURPRISED

This is a story of three dictators, of three wars, and the bluff that failed. It is not a conventional tale. For the customary interpretation of the conflicts with which this civilized world entered the decade of 1940 is this: Wars show that the dictators mean business.

That is precisely what the strong men would have us believe. Because they fight, they pretend that they have succeeded in their boasts.

But in Finland, on the Western Front, and in China, the wars have been the result of miscalculation.

Neither Comrade Stalin, nor Reichsfuehrer Hitler, nor the ruling clique in Japan, expected to become so deeply embroiled.

They believed that their objectives could be obtained by threat, plus a bomb or two, if need be. None of them would have minded a short campaign. That would have been only a military phase of the bluffing. But in the West, in the North, and in the Far East, the dictators over-reached themselves. The difficult conflicts which they encountered were not on the Berlin-Moscow-Tokyo calendars. They bluffed, but once too often.

It is interesting to examine the parallel in the three cases.

Bombs fell on Warsaw because the Nazi Government was relatively sure that the western powers would not go to war. Not over Poland. The demand to "stand and deliver" had worked too well in the Saar, in Austria, in the Sudetenland, in Prague, in Memel, in Danzig. But now Germany has a war on its hands for which it had prepared neither the overwhelming military, air, nor naval preponderance needed for the much-advertised Blitzkrieg. It is engaged in a war of a magnitude which will mean the eventual end of the Nazi regime, win, lose, or draw. The bluff in Berlin did not succeed.

Bombs fell on Helsingfors for a similar reason. The western powers were engaged elsewhere. But instead of a Sovietised version of the lightning war, the Finns fought for 105 heroic days. The magnificent example of Finland gave an unforgettable lesson to a world which quaked before the threats of the dictators. And it disclosed the hollowness of the Russian claims of the might of their Red Army. And though Finland has yielded, the historic end of the chapter may not yet have been written.

Bombs are still falling on Chungking, provisional capital of China. The ease and rapidity with which Japan overran Manchuria had lighted the dictatorial signal fires of a grim decade. North China had followed with little more difficulty. And Nippon expected the plan to work as well, south of the Great Wall. Certainly, Chinese resistance which is well into its third year was not anticipated. Neither were the billion-yen budgets and the reserves of men which have been required by the "incident" in China. Bluff in Tokyo? Call it what you will, but at least Japan didn't plan it the way it's happened.

In all of this a pattern can be perceived. Here were three dictatorships, thundering to the world: "Give us our way, or else." And in none of these nations was a supposedly powerful totalitarian state really prepared for the actual consequences of its aggression.

Japan was not ready for a two-and-a-half-year siege. Germany was not ready for the second world war. Russia had nothing to justify its boasts of the "most powerful army in the world." Of course, it may be asked if Italy does not destroy this pattern. Bombs fell on Ethiopia successfully. Troops marched and Albania capitulated.

No, despite the war and carnage—despite the apparent success of some

aggressions—none of the dictators has really been prepared to whip the world. Their calculations have been clearly based on the belief that their bluffs would not be called. Or if they had to fight—they thought they could do so within convenient and opportune limits.

But with all their bluster, the dictators have really hoped to achieve their ends by means "short of extended war." As their successes by bluff increased, they become bolder. But the method is clearly disclosed if one goes back as far as 1936, when Germany reoccupied the Rhineland. The order went out. German battalions moved into the area forbidden by the Treaty of Versailles. France talked of a "preventive war" but hesitated.

Far from accepting Bismarck as their model, the National Socialists believe they have improved his system. It was clearly explained by Dr. Otto Dietrich, the Nazi press chief, in a little pamphlet which he wrote in 1934, when Hitler had been in power for about a year.

"Bismarck's mistake," wrote the Reichsfuehrer's press emissary, "lay in his definition of politics as the 'art of the possible.' In the new Germany... politics is the art of making possible the impossible."

While in Germany, as one historian has expressed it, shock tactics have been the favourite method of diplomacy, the method in Russia has been superficially different. It has proceeded, as the military expert would say, along "internal lines" as contrasted to the external character of the Teutonic approach.

Propaganda, boring from within, and "preparation" of the objective have been the classic Communist method. Perhaps one of the most lucid expositions was made by Joseph Stalin on Oct. 10, 1920. Discussing, in Pravda, the question of unifying Russia, he wrote:

If, for instance, the direct method of appropriating superfluous dwelling space in Azerbaidjan tends to alienate from us the Azerbaidjanian masses, who regard the home, the domestic hearth, as holy and inviolable, it is obvious that the direct method... must be replaced by an indirect method of achieving the same end.

Or further, for instance, if the Daghestanian masses... are profoundly imbued with religious prejudices... it is obvious that the direct method of combatting religious prejudices in this country must be replaced by indirect and more cautious methods.

This method of indirection seems sometimes to be the antithesis of Nazism's "accomplished facts." But the two really have much in common. Most important, perhaps, is that they both seek to achieve their ends without actually engaging in a "total war." And both look upon the possession of threatening force as the fundamental element in their diplomacy.

It is something of the Red and the Brown method that is being combined in Japan. For the Far East is no stranger to devices of this kind. The parade of the puppet governments discloses the basis of the Japanese system.

The puppet show has proceeded apace in the Japanese occupied areas of China. Big puppets have followed the little ones. They pay a subtle tribute to the Middle Kingdom, since the puppeteers pose as the "genuine" Government of the country. But the fundamental reason why the Japanese proceed with the setting up of straw administrations is that it seems easier that way. To actually conquer a country outright is much more difficult than pretending to have conquered it. Charles E. Gracie, in the "Christian Science Monitor."

American Interests Demand Victory Of The Allies

CHICAGO, TO-DAY.

THE IMPORTANT MID-WESTERN NEWSPAPER "CHICAGO DAILY NEWS" DECLARES IN A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL THAT UNITED STATES NATIONAL INTERESTS DEMAND AN ALLIED VICTORY.

The newspaper says: "We see the greatest military power in Europe on the verge of securing command of the sea in European waters."

EXTENSIVE POWERS FOR WINSTON?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") London, To-day.

Mr. Winston Churchill will receive more extensive powers in the Government in order to co-ordinate and carry out decisions regarding the conduct of the war, the "Daily Telegraph" announced.

The paper states that Mr. Churchill will head a committee which will include high officers of the General Staff.

When decisions have been approved by Government, Mr. Churchill will act himself on behalf of the War Cabinet.

It is added that Mr. Churchill will be granted greater powers as a result of the strong criticism levelled against the Cabinet for useless delay between the drafting of a plan of action and its execution.

Parliament will be informed of the decision during the debate in the House of Commons.—Havas.

GERMAN PLANES OVER SWEDEN

Stockholm, To-day.

A German seaplane yesterday flew over southern Swedish territory and alighted on the sea at the entrance of the channel separating Sweden and Denmark.

A ship called by a Swedish plane picked up the Nazi plane and crew. Another German plane made a forced landing on Swedish territory on Saturday near the frontier above Narvik.

Some foreign planes flew over this territory on Sunday.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT GETS CASE OF NERVES

Hyde Park (N.Y.), To-day.

President Roosevelt, before his sudden return to Washington yesterday, told reporters he was returning earlier than expected because of "a case of nerves."

He added he wondered what was "breaking" on the European front after being away from Washington for a few days.—Reuter.

KIDNAPPING AFFAIR IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

Kidnapping continues here, another incident having occurred yesterday afternoon.

The victims were the proprietress of a Girl Escort Bureau in Kwangai Road and one of the employees.—Our Own Correspondent.

"We unerringly sense what this means for us. It ought to make us realise that the more we aid the Allies by supplies, credit and acquiescence in the blockade measures the less will be the danger of our having to become a belligerent."

The paper adds a German victory would necessitate American seizure of British and French islands in the Caribbean to protect the Panama Canal.

It would also force the United States to aid Canada and the Latin-American Republics to maintain their independence against German aggression.—Reuter.

FRENCH LOSE DESTROYER

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCES THAT THE FRENCH DESTROYER BISON WAS SUNK DURING AN ATTACK BY GERMAN PLANES ON AN ALLIED TROOP CONVOY LAST FRIDAY. A LARGE NUMBER OF THE CREW WAS SAVED.

The communique states that on Friday the troops convoy was attacked in the North Sea by enemy aircraft.

None of the Allied convoy was hit but the destroyer Bison (2,436 tons), which formed part of the escort, was sunk.—Reuter.

BOMB HAVOC IN NORWAY

London, To-day.

Photographs of the havoc caused by German air raids on Norwegian towns appeared in the British Press yesterday.

The pictures graphically show the wreckage of the town that was once Steinkjer—where only one building is left whole, and that was by accident.

The pictures tell, more vividly than any words could, what the civilian population of Norway has to endure.

Elverum is in ruins, while at Aandalsnes wreckage is shown piled 20 feet high.—Reuter.

GERMAN PROPAGANDA ABSURDITY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IN SPITE OF THE OFFICIAL DENIAL OF THE LOSS OF A BATTLESHIP OFF NAMSOS THE GERMAN PROPAGANDA MACHINE CONTINUES TO MAKE THIS CLAIM AND EVEN GOES SO FAR AS TO SERT THAT THE "SINKING" OF A SHIP OF THIS TYPE BY AN AERIAL BOMB MUST BE CONSIDERED AS AN "EPOCH-MAKING EVENT IN MILITARY HISTORY."

One broadcast from Berlin said regarding the alleged incident: "On Friday of last week there perished the belief in the invincibility of battleships to bombs."

It is pointed out in authoritative circles that there has been no expression of belief in the "invincibility" of any warships against bombs. There has not yet been sufficient experience for competent critics to express a confident opinion. All that can be said at present is that the heavy bomb which hit H.M.S. Rodney caused eleven casualties but resulted in such slight damage to the ship that she was able to keep her station.

It can be confidently beclared that other than this no British battleship has been hit by a bomb, no British battleship has been damaged by a bomb and no British battleship has been sunk by a bomb in any of the seven seas in each of which the British Navy is still supreme.

The true figures of British losses were given by the Prime Minister in his Commons speech last Thursday and the only addition since then is the destroyer Afridi, the loss of which was officially announced yesterday morning.—British Wireless.

STRANGE POSTAL PACKET

An automatic pistol and 43 rounds of ammunition were "posted" in the letter box at the head office of the G.P.O. yesterday afternoon. They were found wrapped up in an old newspaper, with no address and no marks of identification.

NAZIS MOVE TROOPS TO SOUTH-EAST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") London, To-day.

German troops concentrated in Memel and other Baltic ports have been transferred to regions in south-east Germany, according to the Amsterdam correspondent of the "Daily Express."—Havas.

KING GUSTAV AND HITLER EXCHANGE LETTERS

Berlin, To-day.

It is announced by the official news agency that Hitler and the King of Sweden had a written exchange of views on the political situation during the latter half of April.

The agency added: "The exchange has strengthened the complete agreement existing on the question of the future policy of both countries in conformity with statements already announced by the German and Swedish Governments." — Reuter.

WATCH ON SUEZ CANAL

Cairo, To-day.

Ordinances signed yesterday by the Egyptian Prime Minister in his capacity of military governor provide that nobody henceforth is allowed to leave or enter Egypt without a special permit.

Anybody possessing firearms and explosives, or material from which bombs and explosives can be made, must declare such possession to the authorities before May 15 under a penalty not exceeding eight years imprisonment.

The authorities are also empowered to search private dwellings.

CANAL ZONE PRECAUTIONS

This is part of energetic action being taken by the Government to tighten up security measures throughout the country.

Extra precautions are being taken in the Suez Canal zone which is continually swept for possible mines.

The output of the Suez oil refineries is being stored in huge underground tanks in the desert.—Reuter.

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CRIME AGAINST ALL DECENCY

THE army of the Netherlands and the army of Belgium are mobilised in anticipation of an attack from Nazi Germany. Whether their anxiety is justified or whether it is not, the fact of the mobilisation must be taken seriously. For the Dutch are not a hysterical people; they are probably the least hysterical people in Europe.

They are also a thrifty people, and the mobilisation is costing them a million florins a day, which is a terrific strain even upon as solid and solvent a State as the Netherlands.

If the problem of this epoch is how to abolish poverty, keep domestic tranquillity, raise the standard of living and extend and deepen popular education and promote human happiness inside ordered freedom, then we and everybody else can learn more from the Netherlands than from the great empires.

PATTERN TO GREATER NATIONS

There is nothing whatever to justify the attitude now popular among certain "intellectual" circles that the small States of Europe must pass into mammoth states; that the day of the small nation is past. Its day is past only if it is attacked and destroyed by brute force.

From any civilised standard those small and long existing nations of Europe—the Scandinavian countries, Switzerland and Holland—are way ahead of the "great" nations. And among them the Netherlands is pre-eminent for its wealth, its enterprise, its large measure of economic equality, its colonial administration, its popular culture, its solid nationalism, its international vision and its devotion to peace.

An attack on Holland is an attack on western civilisation. If it happens it will mean that neutrality is a myth. If it happens it will be a crime not only against the Netherlands, but a crime against all decency, all civilisation, and against the very concept of neutrality.

The Nazis want submarine bases in Holland. They asked for them. The demand was, entirely properly, refused. It was not ostentatiously refused. The news was not given any publicity. For Holland wishes to remain on the best possible terms with both sides in this war.

During the last war the Dutch handled an ultimatum from the Kaiser so tactfully, with such political and diplomatic skill, that the facts about it never leaked out until the war was over.

TREADING WARILY

For Holland must tread warily. She is wide open to Germany. She is a nation of less than 9,000,000 people facing a nation of 80,000,000.

Holland, confident of her long tradition of peace, neutrality and co-operation, and banking on the esteem in which all her neighbours hold her, had so turned her face away from war, and turned it away, it seemed, for ever, that, with all the rest of Europe arming, she kept defence on the fifth or sixth position on her Budget, with education at the top of it and social welfare next.

It was only when Nazi policy began to alarm her, and that was relatively late—in 1938—that Defence and the Public Debt (enlarged by defence necessities) rose to the top place.

Now, with that quiet efficiency for which the Dutch are notable, she has accomplished remarkable things with her armament, but no conceivable armament could make her position anything but precarious.

Holland's need for neutrality is predicated upon her economic position as a trading nation and open her situation in the Far East. She depends upon the British Navy to protect her Asiatic possessions. She depends upon the friendship of Germany to protect her land defences.

Twenty-three per cent. of her exports go to Great Britain; 15.6 per cent. to Germany; 6 per cent. to the United States. Of her imports, 23.3 per cent. are from Germany; 9.3 per cent. from Great Britain, and 7 per cent. from the United States.

CONQUESTS OVER NATURE

In peace and in war, therefore, the destiny of Holland hangs between Great Britain and Germany, and she has cultivated good relations with both to an exquisite degree. In this position she has stayed at

peace for a century, and in this position she has developed a solid prosperity which is remarkable.

Since 1922 Holland's Asiatic possessions have been an integral part of the Netherlands, and her colonial administration is regarded even by her rivals at this art as exemplary. She is traditionally a free-trade nation.

The Nazi economy has forced her to make adjustments to it, as the Japanese have forced her to do in her Asiatic possessions. The latter she has constantly developed, made enormous expenditures upon education, especially primary education, and the efficiency and fairness of her administration has spared her much of the trouble that others have had in their colonies.

The most grandiose conquests of Holland do not lie in the distant past and in the conquest of other races, but are in the conquest of nature and the sea, and this conquest has been continual.

The people of Holland have created their country, in the most exact sense of the word. They have drained the Batavian swamps and have had to fight for their home soil daily. The great polders, dried out lakes, must constantly be readjusted—that is the reason for the wind-mill as the characteristic mark of the Dutch landscape.

OUTPOST OF LIBERALISM

Forty per cent. of the country lies below sea level, and the greatest cities, Amsterdam and Rotterdam, stand on land snatched from the ocean. The immense reclam-

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ation job—the draining of the Zuider Zee—will add 900 square miles to Holland, whose total surface is only 13,000 square miles, enlarging the nation by a province, and by creative and productive work, not by conquest and war.

Holland has no great "natural resources" except coal. This she developed after the war to make herself independent of German coal from the Ruhr, so successfully that it has become a leading export.

Apart from this her exports are flowers, vegetables, textiles and dairy products. Yet Holland is rich, for the Dutch are very able traders, and Holland does an enormous amount of Europe's banking.

Twenty-four thousand ships a year enter her ports, and more than a third of them are Dutch ships. Her civil aviation is noted. For years the flying lines to Batavia via Bangkok have held the world's record for safety.

Holland is one of the last outposts in the world of genuine liberalism. Nowhere is the human mind more free than in Holland. Far more populous nations have fewer great scholars and artists to their credit in history.

Modern Holland is Protestant, enlightened, and socially minded. Her efforts to achieve peace on the basis of international law have been unremitting. The first peace conference in the world was called in Holland at the end of the last century. The Hague is the home of the International Court of Justice.

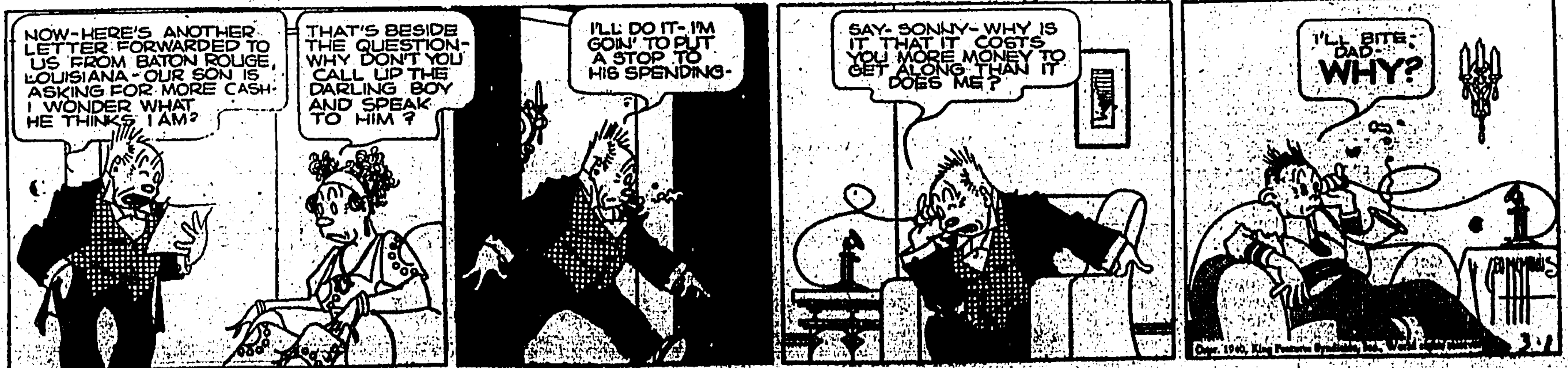
With a great tradition of economic liberalism, Holland, too, has undergone social changes and adjustments in the direction of more governmental social control in behalf of the masses. But she has made these adjustments without revolution, because she has had wise leadership and because her people are politically active and politically gifted.

There is obligatory old age and invalid insurance; some of the most superb public housing and community planning in the world; excellent labour relations, and quite

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Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



FORGED BANKNOTES CHARGE

Before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., in the Central Magistracy this morning, two Chinese were charged with being in possession of forged banknotes, of implements for forging banknotes, and of forged documents in Victoria on May 5.

Mr. D. McCallum represented the defendants, Lau Chik, 38, accountant, and Lau Che, 40, manager of the Wo Hing Hong, No. 23, Connaught Road Central.

The charges against the accused were:—

(A) Against the first accused, being in possession of 12 \$1 notes purporting to be of the Hong Kong Government, at No. 203, Hennessy Road, and second accused, being in possession of 10 \$10 notes of the Straits Settlements, one \$10 note of the Bank of China and a \$5 note of the same bank.

(B) At No. 46, Tang Lung Street, possession of 79 \$10 notes of the Straits Settlements, 20 \$5 notes of the Central Bank of China, and one five piastre note of the Banque Del Indo Chine.

(C) possession of 988 Indo China one dollar and forty-four cents bills of lading.

(D) possession of one copper plate and eight blocks of type for making forged banknotes.

(E) Possession of five copper plates for making forged Hong Kong Inland Revenue Stamps.

(F) Possession of 11 copper plates for making Japanese Military fifty yen banknotes.

Detective Sub-Inspector W. N. Darlings asked for a formal remand of one week, which was granted; the police opposed bail.

SNATCHER GAOLED

Mr. E. B. Teesdale, of "Starlight Villa," Pokfulam, was fined \$5 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., in the Central Magistracy this morning, for speeding in a controlled area on April 22.

Defendant pleaded guilty by letter. Traffic-Sergeant Sargent said that defendant was driving at a speed of from 22 to 26 m.p.h. in Bonham Road near Caine Road, at about 5.10 p.m. The road was fairly clear at the time.

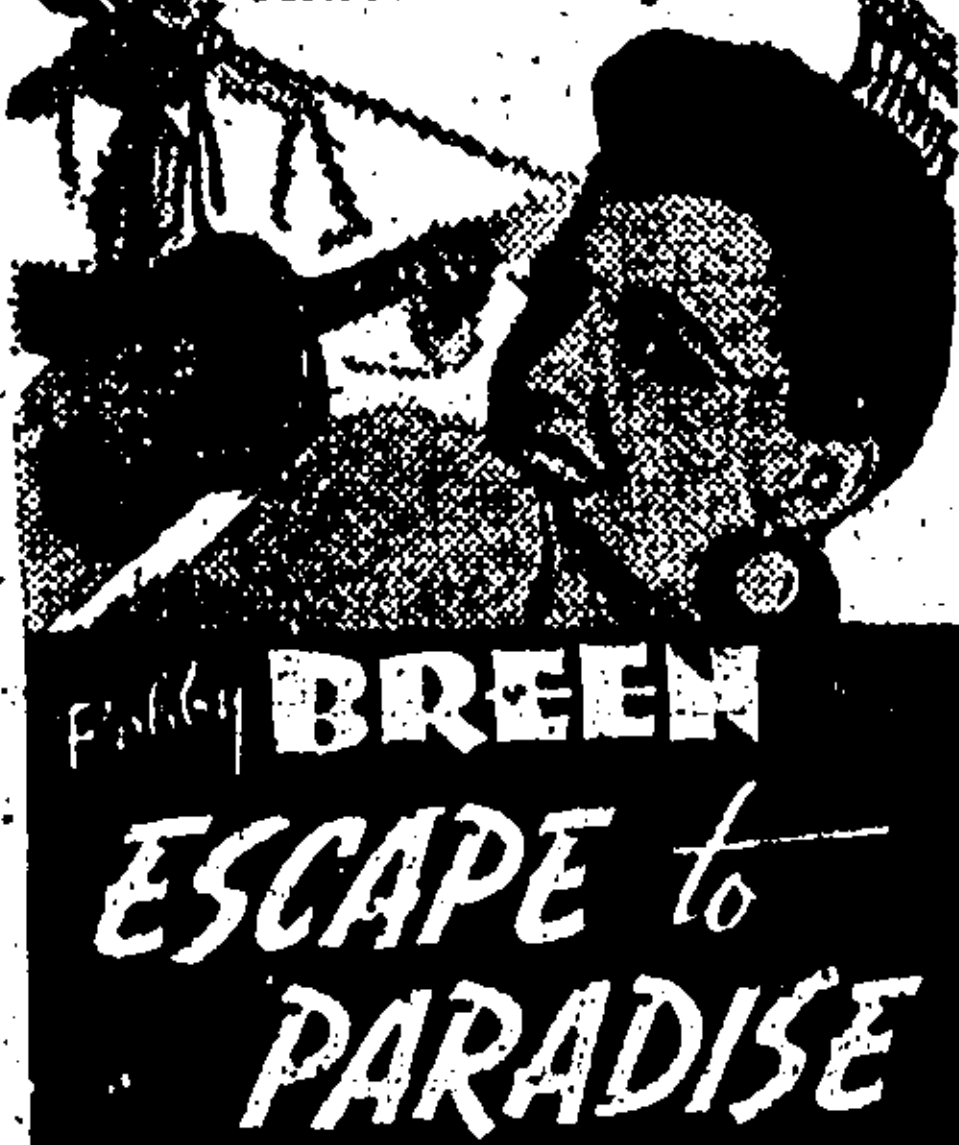
SPEEDING CHARGE

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. R. Edwards in the Central Magistracy this morning, on a coolie, Kwong Ping, for snatching a handbag from a Chinese woman in Caine Road yesterday.

Defendant was also recommended for banishment.

Detective Sergeant Cashman prosecuted.

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CHEERFUL LABOUR FIGURES

London, To-day.

It is officially announced that the number of unemployed at April 15 was 972,895 compared with 1,121,213 on March 11 and 1,844,394 on April 17 last year.

This is the lowest figure since the end of 1920 when the extended unemployment insurance scheme began to operate.—Reuter.

CRIME AGAINST ALL DECENCY

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exceptional education. In the higher schools children really learn to speak English, German and French.

Although the religious life is extremely active—almost all the right-wing political parties bear religious names—there is no compulsory religious teaching in the schools. This little country has nine universities, and her devotion to scholarship is reflected in the fact that eight Nobel prize winners have been Dutchmen.

The absolute integrity of her and her administrative services is for granted. Holland has one of the best crime records of all nations and has no death penalty for 70 years. Her emigrants—such as they are, for their number is few—are welcomed by every developing country.

INEVITABLY PRO-ALLY

Holland, indeed, approximates the Aristotelian dream of a good society. Her rich men are public spirited and never ostentatious. She has very little poverty. Her political leaders are educated men, and learning is much more respected in Holland than riches. The virtues of her people are somewhat puritan, liberated by her great tradition of free thought.

Although in the last war, the sympathies of the Dutch people were strongly divided between Germany and England, their sympathies to-day are with the Allies. That is inevitable for two reasons.

First, everything that the Nazis stand for—dictatorship, on top of an organised mob; persecution of minorities; suppression of free thought and open or underground warfare against religion—is wholly incompatible with the Dutch temperament or the Dutch tradition, and there is very little in Holland on which revolutionary movements can feed.

The Nazis tried to honeycomb Holland with their agents, but the agents were unsuccessful. A Nazi movement exists, but makes no headway. Holland cannot be undermined from within.

Secondly, the Dutch people are pro-Allies because a Nazi victory may mean the subjection of their independence. They have no such fears from England and France. If Holland is attacked, Belgium and France will defend her.

CANNOT BE BLACKMAILED

But the Hollanders do not want their country to be made into a battleground. They do not want to flood the land they have drained, or spill the blood of their youth, or have their beautiful towns, their lovely public beaches, their handsome housing complexes for workers, their unparalleled museums destroyed—along with their women and children—from the air.

The Hollanders are a mature nation. They believe that war and conquest are supremely idiotic. They believe that an intelligent, well educated, productive and united people can find their destiny by quite other means than war.

But if they are not allowed to do so they will fight. They will not sell one scrap of their independence out of fear. They cannot be blackmailed.

ROBBERY IN KING'S PARK

A highway robbery in King's Park yesterday afternoon had its sequel this morning before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon when Kam Chun, 25, describing himself as an assistant hawker, was charged with robbery with violence of one gold finger-ring and \$8.20 from Lai Kwan.

He was remanded for 24 hours as the police, it is understood, have arrested his three accomplices, who will be brought up to Court with him to-morrow.

Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser is in charge of the case.

DOG BITES BOY

A seven-year-old boy, R. Ritchie, of No. 174, Prince Edward Road, was treated at the Kowloon Hospital yesterday, after he had been bitten by a dog in Duke Street. The dog was not traced.

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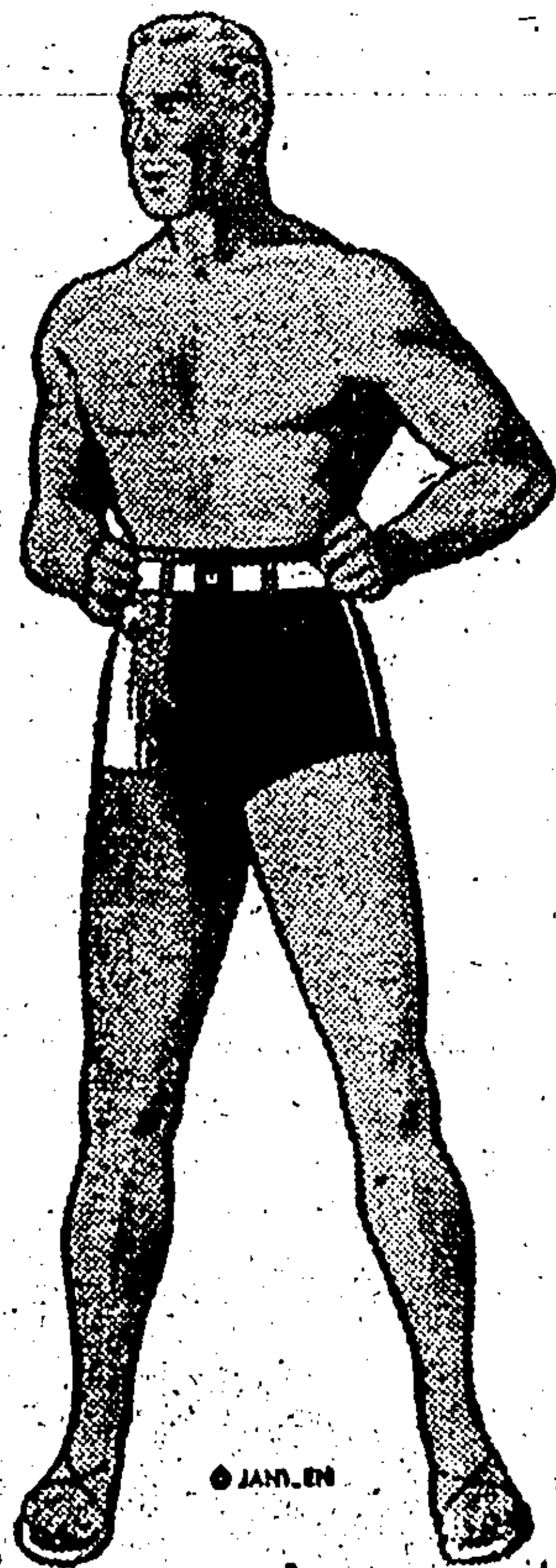
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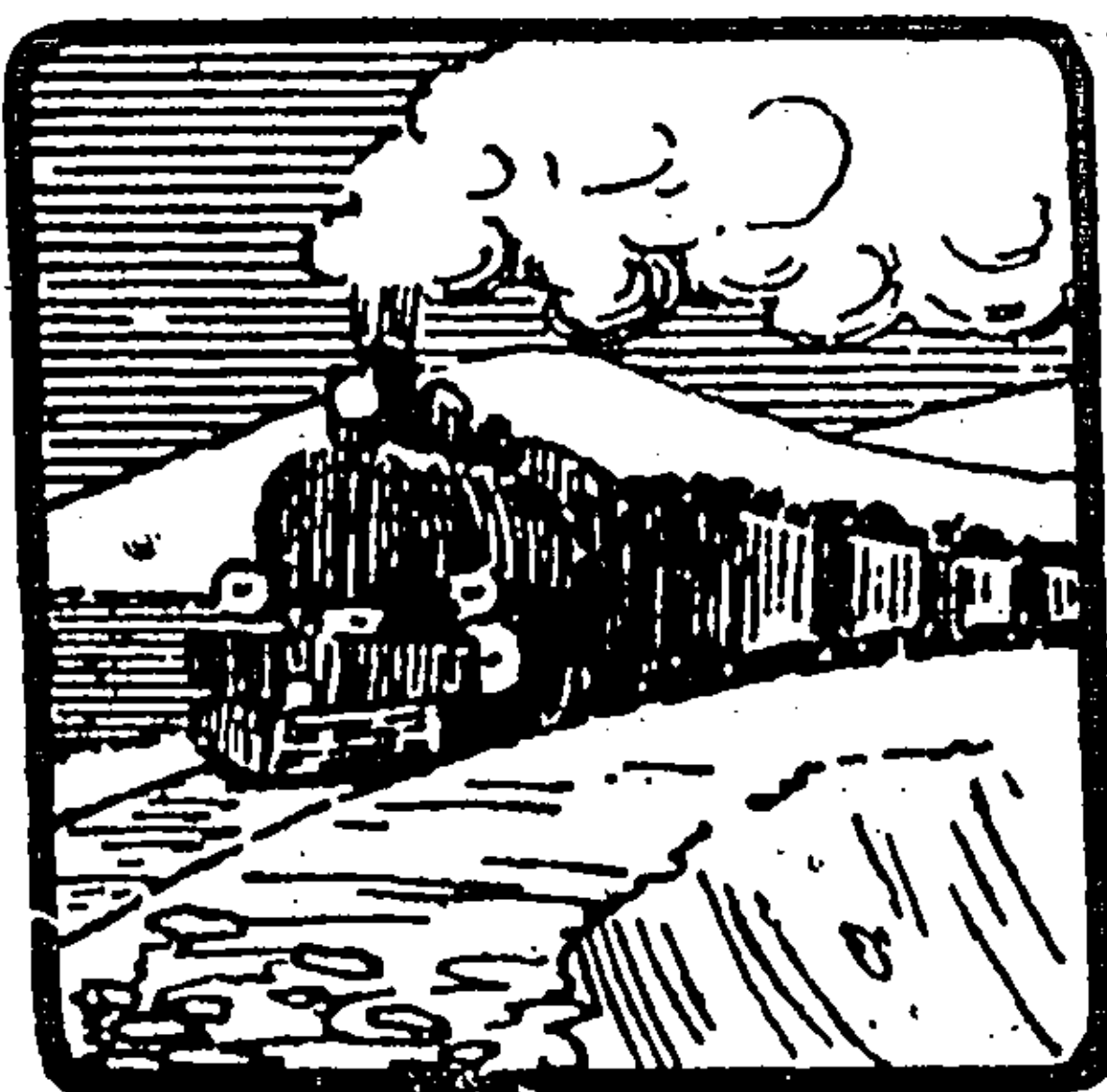
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CONDITION FOR PEACE

London, To-day.

Special emphasis on Franco-British unity not only as a condition of victory but also for a just and lasting peace was laid by Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Liberal Opposition leader, in a broadcast to the French nation on Sunday night.

Just as France and Britain were fighting together in the war, he said, they must work together in the eventual peace to make sure that their sacrifices are not in vain.

There could be no relaxation of their efforts until Germany is defeated, but victory alone could not save their people. Only patient and constructive statesmanship of France and Britain could establish a lasting peace. — Reuter.

LOSS OF THE "GROM"

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE POLISH DESTROYER GROM, WHICH HAS BEEN ACTIVELY CO-OPERATING WITH THE BRITISH FLEET SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR, HAS BEEN SUNK BY ENEMY BOMBS.

The Grom was engaged in the operations off Norway. One officer and 65 ratings are missing, presumed lost.

An offer by the British Government to replace the Grom by a destroyer now building has been accepted. — Reuter.

COMMUNISTS CONDEMNED

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE COMMUNIST PARTY HAS BEEN PASSED BY THE NATIONAL UNION OF DISTRIBUTIVE AND ALLIED WORKERS.

The resolution urges the Executive Council of the Union and the Labour Party to keep a close watch on any attempts to divide the working parties. Communist influence must be checked wherever found.

The proposer of the resolution said that the time had come to get rid of the "silly symphonies the Communist Party plays." — Reuter.

ARTILLERY FIRE IN LOWER ALSACE

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communique said there was nothing of importance to report. There was some artillery fire in lower Alsace. — Reuter.

DEVELOPING COLONIES

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE TEXT OF THE COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE BILL INTRODUCED BY MR. MACDONALD IN THE COMMONS LAST WEEK PROVIDES MACHINERY TO CARRY OUT GOVERNMENT'S COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY.

It also provides for the remission, wholly or partially, of loans to colonies and dependencies totalling £11,284,000, including advances to Bechuanaland, Basutoland and Swaziland for purposes such as combatting soil erosion and the construction of roads and bridges, which will be remitted only in part, and also loans to Uganda and Tanganyika. — Reuter.

CANARD DENIED

London, To-day.

German allegations that the Norwegian commander, General Ruze, is being kept prisoner on board a British ship, from which the English sent out a call to the Norwegians urging them to fight on, are refuted by an authoritative statement issued in London.

The statement says the facts are that General Ruze boarded a British warship at his own request, that the ship was provided especially for him and his staff, and that his subsequent movements have been decided by his own wishes. He is now on Norwegian soil. — Reuter.

SUREST GUARANTEE OF VICTORY

Ankara, To-day.

The newspaper "Yenisabah" declares that whereas the Dictators tremble before the truth, hide it from public opinion and seek to mislead the world by lies, half truths and false accusations, the Premier of the great British Democracy was not afraid to reveal to the British nation and the world the reverse suffered by the Allies.

The strength revealed by this candid avowal is the surest guarantee of final victory. — Reuter.

U.S. SUPPORT FOR BOMBING BAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt expressed his readiness to support any international meeting destined to prevent the bombing of civilian populations in a letter to the American Red Cross which is holding its annual congress.

He added that the United States always led any movement for the abolition of inhuman practice and assured the Red Cross that he would continue to advocate adherence to the conventions protecting civilian populations. — Havas.

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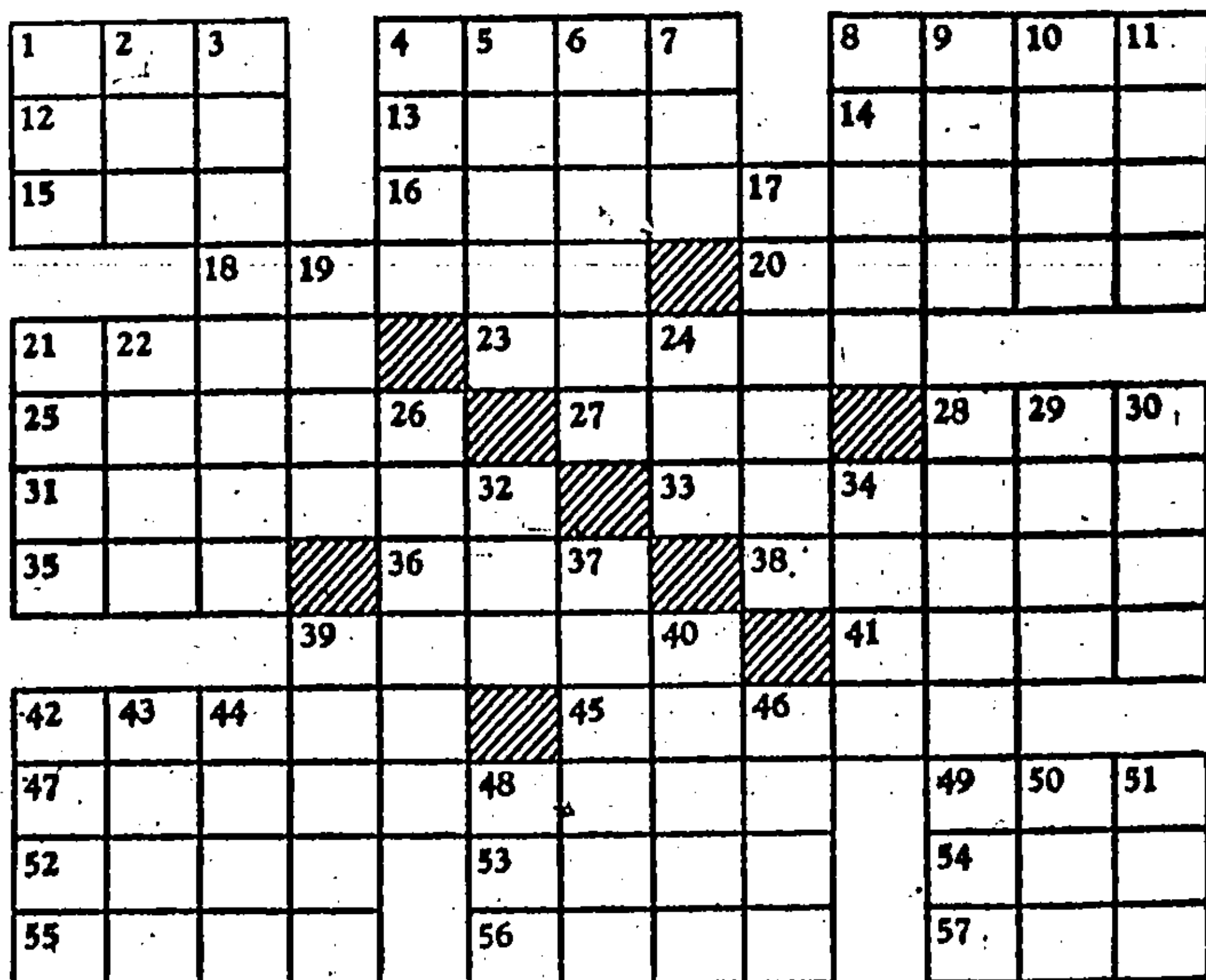
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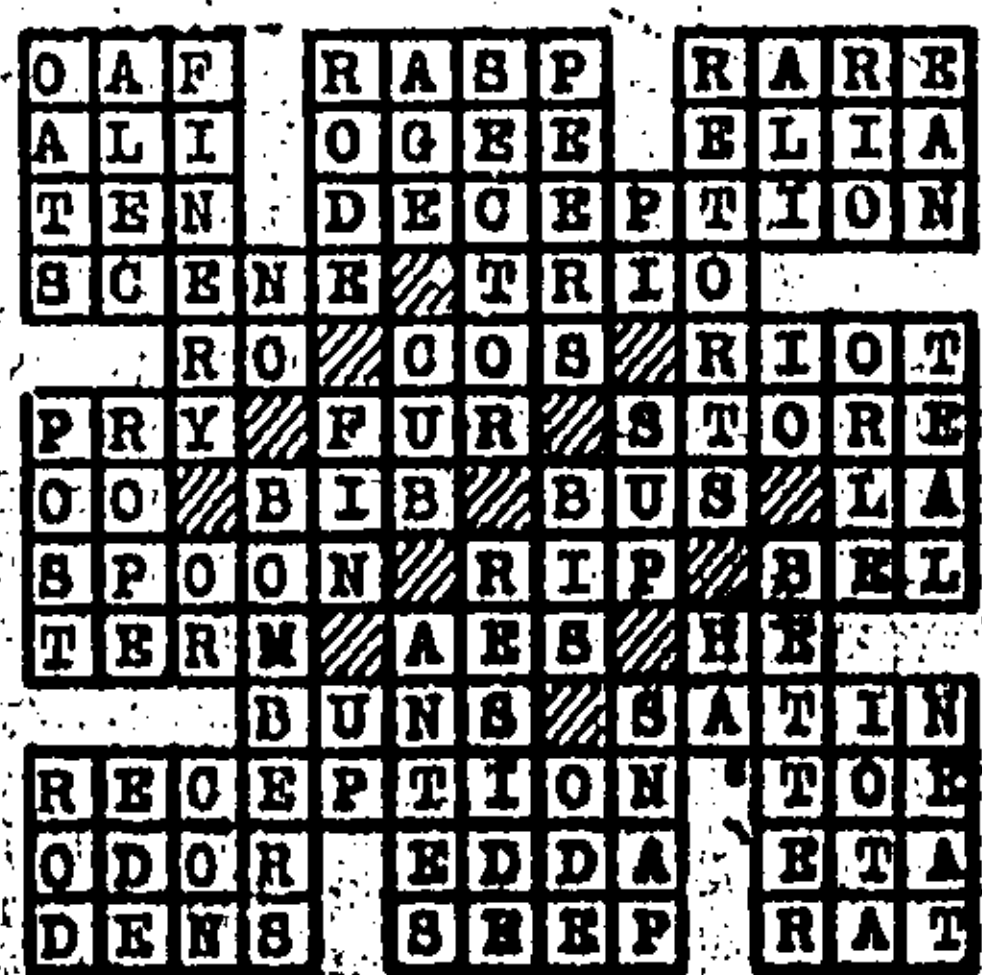
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1 Headpiece
4 Parent
8 Flat stone
12 Oriental title
13 Egg-shaped
14 Scene of miracle
15 Negative
16 Commits
18 Motionless
20 Mountain ridge
21 Appellation of Athena
23 Succinct
25 Pertaining to Norse poem
27 To knock
28 Large tub
31 Horn
33 Peaceful
35 French article
36 Goat
38 Italian poet
39 Supped
41 Line of juncture
42 Pens
45 Figurative use of word
47 One who gathers debts

49 Groove
52 Heraldic device
53 Spanish cooking vessel
54 Eon
55 Hardy heroine
56 To deal in
57 To immerse

VERTICAL
1 Container
2 Past
3 Ill persons
4 Orifice
5 To ward off
6 To equivocate

7 Beverage
8 To frighten
9 Tardy
10 Dill
11 Low
17 Panted
19 Spike
21 Sea in Turkestan
22 Geometrical figure
24 Ethiopian title
26 Cherry-coloured
28 Coated
29 Pilaster
30 To abound
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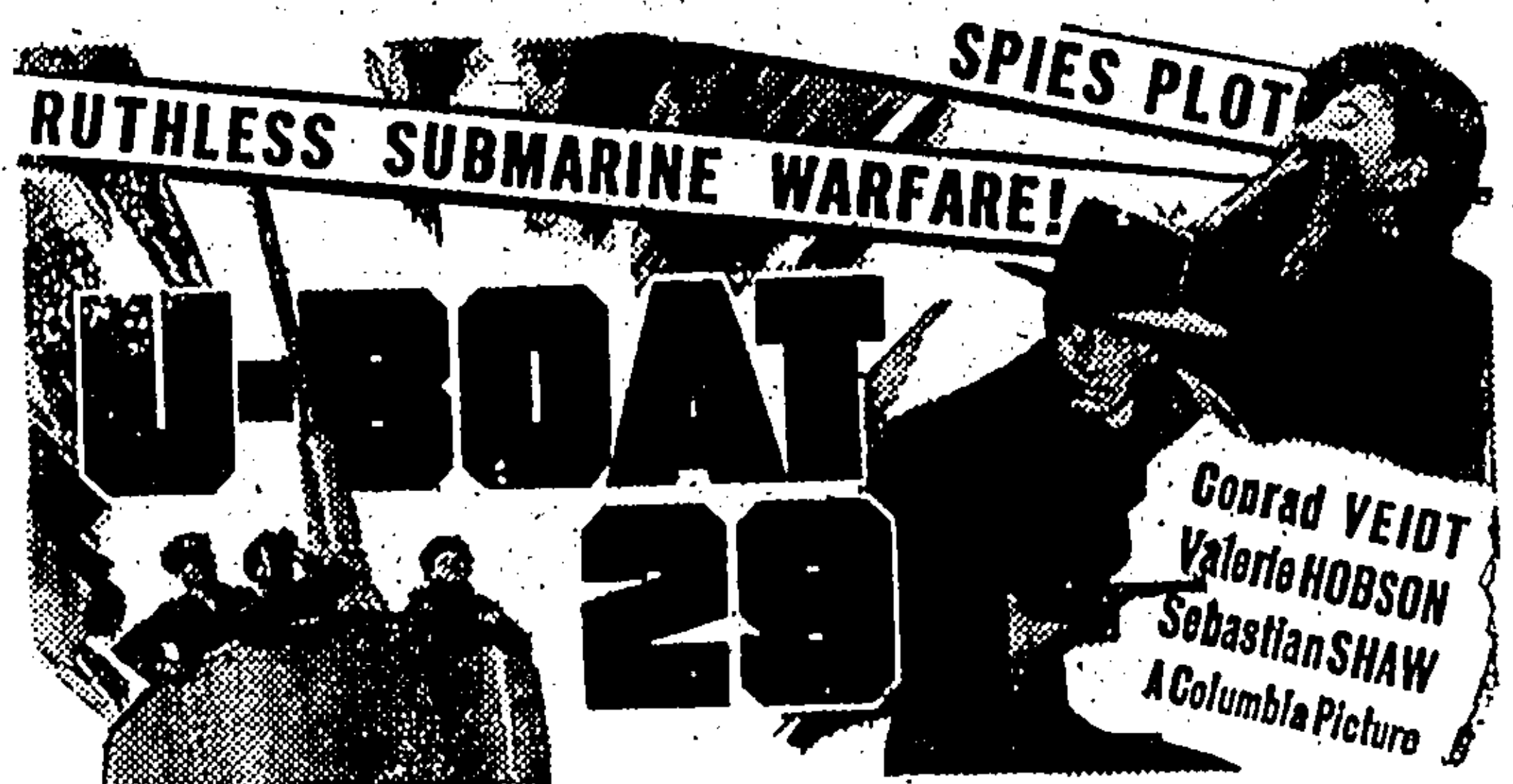
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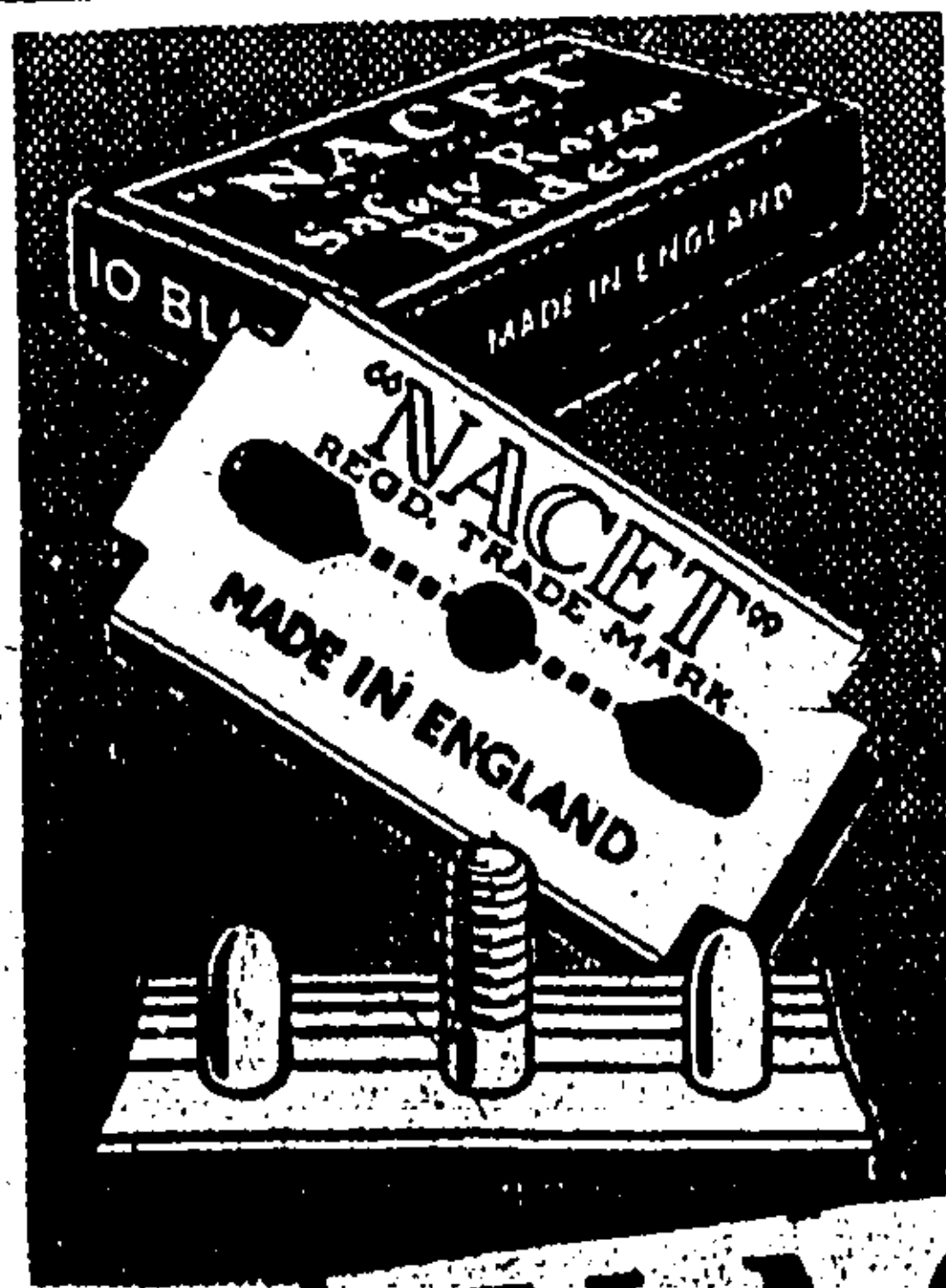
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FEWER WORKLESS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS ON REGISTERS IN GREAT BRITAIN FELL BELOW ONE MILLION DURING THE MONTH END-APRIL 15 AND IS THE LOWEST RECORDED SINCE THE END OF 1920, WHEN THE EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE SCHEME CAME INTO OPERATION. The total was 982,695 fewer by 671,695 than at the same time last year.

The number of wholly unemployed men on the register is now little more than half what it was in April, 1939, while the number of men temporarily laid off is little more than one-third of the figure at the earlier date. The figure for women shows a slight improvement on a year ago.

Unemployment is now very low in metal goods manufacture for munition purposes and in the engineering, motor vehicle and aircraft industries. The rate in the engineering and motor-vehicle manufacture is not much above 2%. In the coal mining, agriculture and a number of textile trades there has been a very substantial decrease compared with a year ago. Of individual industries the distributive trades showed the greatest decrease the total being 68,089 fewer than a year ago, partly due, as in other industries, to replacement by unemployed of workers called up for active service. Agricultural workers during the same period showed an unemployment fall of about 14,000.—British Wireless.

LOSS OF AFRIDI

LONDON, TO-DAY.

H.M.S. AFRIDI, WHOSE LOSS DURING AN AERIAL BOMBARDMENT WHILE NAMSOS WAS BEING EVACUATED WAS REPORTED BY THE ADMIRALTY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, WAS A DESTROYER OF THE TRIBAL CLASS AND A SISTER-SHIP OF H.M.S. COSSACK, OF ALTMARK FAME.

A vessel of 1,800 tons, she was fitted as a flotilla leader and carried a complement of about 200 men.

Britain still has nearly 170 destroyers in service, even if no new ships have been put into service since the war began. In September, there were 179, of which 10 have been sunk.

This total does not include H.M.S. Hardy, which ran aground in the first action at Narvik but has since been refloated.

Presumably, the sinking of Afridi is the basis for the German claim on Friday to have sunk a battleship and a cruiser of the "York" class. The Nazi claims have been officially denied, but the Germans continue to make it and have now "sunk" another.—Reuter.



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GERMAN AIM TO DRAG IN ITALY

The Allied Governments are watching developments in south and south-east Europe. It seems to be the German aim to provoke an Anglo-Italian incident and so force Italy into hostilities against Britain. With this object view, it is suggested, Germany may invade Yugoslavia. Italy would then probably attempt a comparable advance on the ground that she must protect her own interests in the Mediterranean area. In such circumstances, France would agree in insisting, I am convinced, that the Allies must immediately help Yugoslavia.

The British and French Governments would not take kindly to any Italian attempt to extend a "protectorate" over any other Mediterranean States while still maintaining that she was "non-belligerent." Britain desires the Italian Government to explain why it has instructed its Press to adopt so unfriendly an attitude towards the Allies. Inquiries so far do not appear to have elicited any authoritative information. Unofficially, however, it is suggested that Britain should see the hand of Germany in reports of anti-British actions in Italy.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1495 sa.

INSURANCES

Union Ins. \$475 b., \$485 s., \$480 sa.
H.K. Fire Ins. \$171 b., \$175 s.

SHIPPING

H.K. Steamboats \$11 b.

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H.K. Docks cum Rts. \$21½ sa.

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H.K. Tramways \$17.35 b., \$17.60 s.

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Telephones (New) \$10 b., \$10.10 sa.

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Paracale Gumaus Ps. 16 sa.

San Maudricb Ps. 59 b.

Surigao Consol. Ps. 18½ sa.

Suyoc Consol. Ps. 12 b.

United Paracales Ps. 20½ b.

An Austin Seven owned by Mr. Laung Chuk-wah of Wongniechung Road, was stolen from outside No. 31, Leighton Hill Road some time yesterday. The car was valued at \$1,000.

JAP. SETBACK IN THE NORTH

Chungking, To-day.

THE WAR IN NORTH Hupeh, south Honan, south Anhwei and south Shansi is developing favourably for the Chinese, reports indicate.

In north Hupeh, more than 20,000 Japanese pushing northward from Suihsien are facing the danger of being cut off from their base of operations, as a strong Chinese force has made its way to their rear.

Bitter fighting has been raging along the Slang-Hwayuan highway in the past two days. Using more than 40 tanks and armoured cars as spearhead, some 5,000 Japanese have launched a vigorous attack. The two opposing forces are now pitted against each other at Lishan, northwest of Suihsien, and Chwantien and Antien, west of Suihsien.

Supporting the Japanese drives in north Hupeh, enemy forces at Chungsiang and Yangtuchen in central Hupeh started a northward push in three columns on May 1. One column has been badly beaten near Changshoutien, about 16 miles north of Chungsiang. A second column is being held at bay at Fungloho, northwest of Changshoutien, while a third column thrusting at Changchiachin, northeast of Changshoutien, has suffered a serious reverse.

RETREAT CUT

To threaten the Japanese rear strong Chinese units are developing an encirclement around Chungsiang and Yangtuchen.

The Japanese in south Honan are continuously calling in reinforcements to replenish their heavy losses. With their numbers increased to over 10,000, the invaders at Siaolingtien, near Tungpeh, launched another "big push" during the week-end. The Chinese put up stiff resistance and recaptured Sishangho, immediately west of Sinyang, thereby cutting the Japanese way of retreat.

At the Tsinyang sector, 32 miles north of Tungpeh, the Chinese and Japanese forces are battling in the vicinity of Huangkan. Shihkuanho, east of Tsinyang, has been reoccupied by the Chinese. Heavy Chinese pressure is exerted upon the Japanese rear.

LINGYANG RETAKEN

On the Peiping-Hankow Railway, a Japanese detachment pushing westward from Kioshan, 23 miles north of Mingking, has suffered a smashing defeat at Chinese hands in the vicinity of Chukow. It is fleeing in the direction of Tsinyang with the Chinese in hot pursuit.

Lingyangchen, about 17 miles south of Tsinyang, on the south bank of the Yangtze River in south Anhwei, has been retaken by the Chinese. Chinese troops in pursuit have reached a point only two and half miles southeast of Tsingyang.

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* TO-MORROW *
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CHINA VIEW OF NORWAY

Chungking, To-day.

The fighting in Norway has still nowhere reached the decisive stage in the European war but the German successes are likely to prolong the conflict, declares General Hsu Peikeng, former C-in-C of the Chinese Air Force and now counsellor to the War Operations Department of the National Military Council, in a special article featured in yesterday morning's "Central Daily News," the official organ of the Government.

He expresses the opinion that despite the Allies' hold on Narvik it will be most difficult for them to drive the Germans out of Norway since almost impassable mountain ranges separate Narvik from central and southern Norway, while harbour conditions along the west coast of the country make landing operations extremely difficult.

The German control of central and southern Norway, General Hsu adds, is likely to increase German economic staying power by reducing the effectiveness of the Allied naval blockade. It may also give the Germans facilities for air and naval attacks on England, and influence the attitude of neutrals.—Reuter.

BRITISH AND GERMAN MEET IN STOCKHOLM

Stockholm, April 19.

Mr. Harry Faulkner (British), one German, and one Norwegian, met representatives of eight other nations in Stockholm yesterday as a court of arbitration to investigate and pass judgment on commercial litigation between parties in belligerent States and parties in non-belligerent States. It is stated that the court is sitting under the auspices of the International Chamber of Commerce.

CHINESE SALT FOR JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

The China Salt Company has drafted a plan for the export of salt to Japan in order to develop the salt trade.

The plan calls for the export to Japan of 500,000 tons of salt during the current year. Exports will gradually be increased and are expected to attain a million tons in 1945.

Exploitation of salt in North China is expected to develop considerably during the next year to cope with this new demand.—Havas.



You hear a lot these days about men being born free and equal but some poor saps have to get married.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16. Silver was quoted at 21-1/16 spot and 21 forward.

The cross rate London/New York was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.0250 and the New York/London rate at £-U.S.\$341-1/8.

The management of the Olympic Grand Circus have very great pleasure in informing circus lovers and the general public of Hongkong that, after more than two months of almost insuperable difficulties, they have secured transport from Bangkok of their horses, elephants, lions, tigers and the other animals of the menagerie, which is expected to arrive here in a few days' time. The location of the circus, at least for a short season, will be at Mongkok (Kowloon), opposite the Mongkok Fire Brigade.

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Our clowns are the world's merriest Jesters, they will make you laugh till your sides ache.

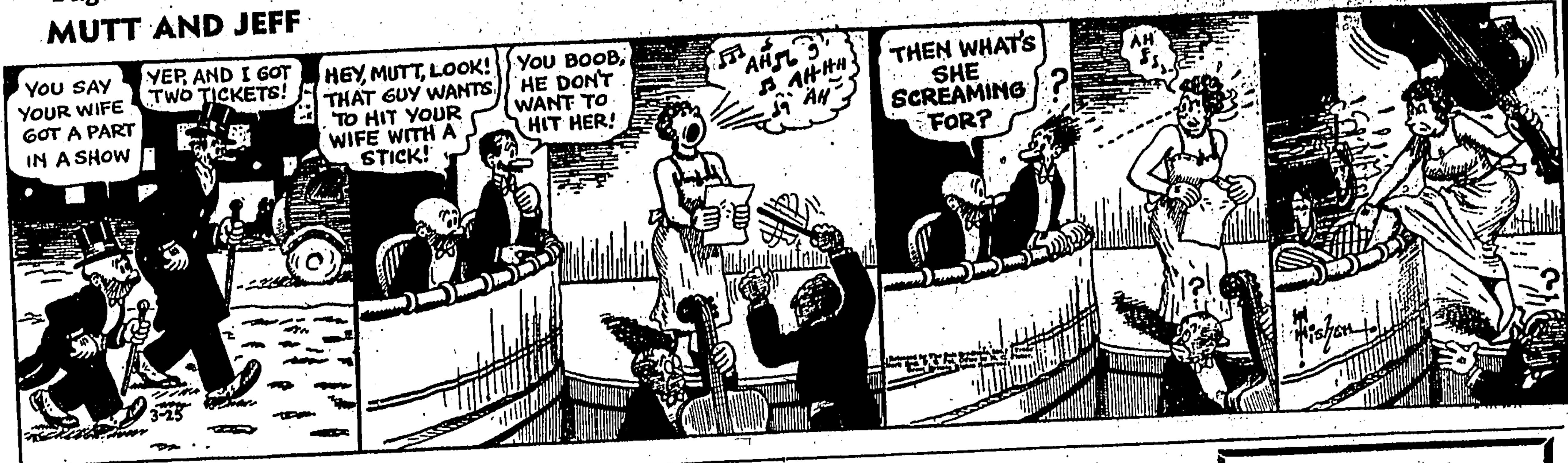
Our Menagerie, the largest in the Orient, will be open daily for the Public from 8 a.m. till 8 p.m. for very small admission charges, from Monday onwards.

To avoid disappointment Book your Seats early at Moutrie's.

Prices of admission: Full Box 4 Seats \$7.00; Single Box seat \$2.00; First Class \$1.50; 2nd Class \$1.00; Carpet Gallery 0.50 cents; Ordinary Gallery 0.30 cents. Children half price. All prices include tax.

Special matinees will be given on Wednesdays, Saturdays & Sundays, at 3 p.m. sharp. Children half price all seats.

MUTT AND JEFF

Popular
Variety

6.00 p.m.—Dance Music.
6.58 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.00 p.m.—Studio—Talk on Tchakowsky with musical illustrations.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Popular Variety.
Vocal—I'm Falling In Love With Someone (film 'The Life of Victor Herbert').... Allan Jones with Orchestra.
Hawaiian Orch.—Strange Enchantment (Hollander); We'll Meet Again (Parker-Charles).... Felix Mendelssohn's Hawaiian Serenaders with Vocal refrain.
Vocal—I'll Remember (Rich-Connelly); I'm Sending a Letter to

To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
9.52 Megacycles

Santa Claus (Rogers-Williams).... Arthur Askey with Jack Hylton & Some of His Boys.
Vocal—Over The Rainbow (film 'The Wizard of Oz'); Scatter Brain (Masters & Others).... Phyllis Robins with Orchestra.
Orch.—Choo-Choo (Waller & Others); Bouncing the Black-Out—Fox-Trot.... Barney Gilbraith & His Coconut Grove Quartet.
Piano—Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. D. 34. Intro: In an 18th century drawing room; Faithful forever; It's a hap-hap-happy day

Charlie Kunz with Rhythm accomp.
Comedian—Boom (Hunter-Trenet); If A Grey-Haired Lady Says 'How's Yer Father' (Waite).... Jack Warner with Sonny & Orch.
Vocal & Piano—Let's Make Memories To-night (film 'All Clear').... Leslie Hutchinson.

8.44 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"I Remember". A Programme of Musical Entertainment of 40 or 50 years ago.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Cards on the Table".
9.45 p.m.—A Special Programme of Tchakowsky's Music in honour of his Centenary.
1812 Overture.... The Philharmonic

Dance
Music

Orchestra, Berlin, with the Ural Cossacks' Choir conducted by Alexander Kitzschin.
Pilgrim's Song.... Oscar Natzke (Bass) with Piano accomp. by Hubert Greenslade.
Concerto No. 1 in B Flat Minor, Op. 23.... Arthur Rubinstein (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra cond. by John Barbirolli.
Chauve-Souris—Duet from Pique Dame.... Eugenie Safonova and Finaida Erchova with the Cambridge Theatre Orchestra conducted by Archangelosky.
Troika En Trainaux, Op. 37, No. 11.... Sergi Rachmaninoff (Piano).
Eugen Onegin—Waltz; Eugen Onegin—Polonaise.... Berlin State Opera Orchestra cond. by Robert Heger.
Chanson Sans Paroles.... London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Landon Ronald.
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Good players are prone to defend vigorously against a part score, and will often take desperate chances in an effort to push their opponents beyond their depth. But they do have to have some reasonable values to bid. Otherwise they might incur a penalty far out of proportion to the value of game. In to-day's hand East and West did not dare venture a bid. Instead, they combined on some excellent defensive play.

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
North-South 40 on score

♠ A Q 6 2
♥ Q 8 3
♦ 10 7 5 4
♣ K J

♠ 10 8 7 4
♥ K 6 2
♦ J 9 3
♣ A 6 5

♠ K J
♥ 9 7 5
♦ Q 8 2
♣ Q 10 9 4 3

♠ 9 5 8
♥ A J 10 4
♦ A K 6
♣ 8 7 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West chose a daring lead—a low club away from his Ace. Declarer made the natural mistake of playing the Jack from dummy, whereupon East won with the Queen and returned a trump. Winning with the King, West played a second trump, and when Declarer led another club, West won with the Ace and played a third trump. Now South played three rounds of diamonds, establishing the thirteenth in dummy.

At this point East cashed the club Queen, then played another club, forcing Declarer's last trump.

In order to make his contract, South now had to risk a spade finesse, but East gleefully captured dummy's Queen and then won still another club trick to set the contract two tricks.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and held:

♠ K 10 x x x
♥ A J x
♦ x x
♣ K Q x

The bidding:

You	Maier	Burnstone	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Your correct bid is two spades. In spite of your strength in hearts and clubs, your hand is too near a minimum to warrant any other rebid.

Score 100% for two spades, 40% for two notrump.

QUESTION NO. 403

With neither side vulnerable, you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and hold:

♠ K x x
♥ x x x x
♦ A J 9 x x
♣ J x x x

Schenken	You	Maier	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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H.K.F.C.
LAWN BOWLS
TEAMS

Following teams have been selected to represent Hong Kong Football Club in League lawn bowls matches to be played on Saturday:

First Division (v Craigengower C.C. at C.C.C.)—A. Watson, G. E. Stephens, L. E. Lammert and N. J. Bebbington (skip); J. H. Gelling, J. Watson, K. S. Robertson and A. Brooksbank (skip); J. S. Howell, A. W. Hodges, G. Duncan and W. Gill (skip).
Third Division (v Craigengower C.C. at home)—A. B. Didsbury, B. I. Bickford, C. F. Needham and G. S. Graver (skip); F. P. Anslow, C. G. Solis, B. A. Mansell and H. G. Wallington (skip); H. H. Beddow, T. A. Rowell, J. I. Barnes and S. H. Strange (skip).

CAPT. BALFOUR'S
FLYING VISIT

London, To-day.
Captain Balfour, Parliamentary Air Under-Secretary, on Sunday toured R.A.F. Bomber Command units that have been heavily engaged in recent operations.

Captain Balfour, piloting a three-seater monoplane, visited several stations where he had an opportunity of conveying the appreciation of the Air Council for the achievements of

BUTTER RATIONING
WARNING

London, To-day.
The Minister of Food yesterday warned the public of the possibility of reducing the butter ration at an early date.

Lord Woolton said: "I have no doubt we shall have adequate supplies drawn from within the Empire for the rest of the year. The important thing for us to consider was not how much of any particular article there was in this country at any moment but how much there would be in the event of all sorts of disadvantageous circumstances arising in the future."

It will be recalled the original ration of butter was doubled shortly after its introduction.—British Wireless.

ITALY'S 35,000-TON
BATTLESHIP

Genoa, To-day.
Italy's new 35,000-ton 15-inch gun battleship Littorio was handed over to the Italian Navy here yesterday.—Reuter.

the squadrons.
At one station he was introduced to four N.C.O.'s who, as members of the crews of different bombers had all been decorated for outstanding gallantry.—British Wireless.



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By "GRANDSTAND"

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J. Linaker qualified over the New Course with a score of 87-15=72. There were 10 entries here.

Sack Race, Handicap (Members):—1, Lam Ching-fong. 2, Chin Chi-fun. 3, F. A. Lou.

Children's Handicap:—1. Master Eddio Loureiro, 2. Miss Nina Carvalho.
The prizes were presented by Mrs. W. J. Brown.

SOCCER

AIR FORCE TEAM OF STARS

The war has increased the popularity of Association football with Air Force personnel. That is not difficult to understand, for the stars of the football world have not been slow in joining up and many are now in the flying Service.

One R.A.F. station would like to back its team against any other station eleven in the country. It has some cause for confidence.

Sam Bartram of England and Charlton Athletic would be the goalkeeper. The forward line would include Ted Drake (England and Arsenal), Alf Kirchen (Arsenal), and Buckingham (Tottenham Hotspurs). The remaining positions could be filled by Crayston (Arsenal), Holley (Fulham), Glidden (Reading), Flack (Norwich City), Scot (Arsenal), and Marks (Arsenal), with Calderwood, the Queen's Park Rangers' trainer, as general utility man.

CRICKET CLUBS

CRAIGENGOWER START WELL, FALL AWAY

By "ADREM"

CRAIGENGOWER JUNIORS had a peculiar season and for a long period were in the running for honours. A draw with I.R.C. and then a defeat at the hands of Police, however, completely broke them up and they finished off their season with three successive defeats.

Their batting figures are not good and are headed by T. Lock with an average of 20.00. Latterly A. B. Hamson, former senior player, improved, to make some good scores and finish second.

A. M. Omar was the most successful bowler with 21 wickets costing 9.95 apiece, while C. W. Lam, B. R. Iranee and Bill Way all took useful wickets on occasion.

RECORD OF MATCHES

P. W. L. D. Pts.

8 3 4 1 10

RESULTS OF MATCHES

C.C.C.—144 for 7, beat Army, 142, by 3 wks.
" 147 for 9 dec., beat K.C.C., 69, by 78 runs.
" 126, lost to Recreio, 158 for 8 dec., by 32 runs.
" 173 for 8 dec., beat University, 79, by 94 runs.
" 101, drew with I.R.C., 93 for 9 wks.
" 87, lost to R.A.F., 123, by 3 wks.
" 56, lost to Police, 188 for 6 dec., by 132 runs.
" 88, lost to C.S.C.C., 102, by 5 wks.
Craigengower scored 920 runs for 74 wickets, an average of 12.43, against their opponents' 954 for 73 wks., an average of 13.07 per wicket.

BATTING

	I.	O.	R.	S.	Avge.
T. Lock	8	2	120	50*	20.00
A. B. Hamson	7	0	112	44	16.00
A. H. Esmail	5	3	31	13*	15.50
C. W. Lam	7	1	87	28*	14.50
A. Hung	7	0	78	25	11.14
W. K. Way	7	0	82	28	11.71
J. W. Leonard	6	0	63	38	10.50
A. M. Omar	7	0	75	34	10.71

Following also batted:—J. L. Youngsaye (20, 3, 0*, 8, 6, 1, 0), H. P. Lim (3), N. Broadbridge (1*, 16, 0, 1, 3, 0, 11*, 4), G. Winch (39), B. R. Iranee (9, 7, 0, 4, 1*, 14*, 1), U. M. Omar (23, 0, 10, 1), P. J. Billimoria (8), W. E. Broadbridge (1), N. Singh (0).

BOWLING

	Inns.	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avge.
W. K. Way	5	17	1	105	11	9.55
A. M. Omar	7	59	11	209	21	9.95
B. R. Iranee	6	27	3	117	11	10.64
A. B. Hamson	3	19	4	80	6	13.33
C. W. Lam	8	43.5	2	237	15	15.13

Following also bowled:—G. Winch (9—1—33—2), U. M. Omar (30—5—99—2), T. Lock (3—1—0—25—3).

Following held catches:—W. K. Way (5), J. L. Youngsaye (3), T. Lock (3), J. W. Leonard (3), A. Hung (2), A. H. Esmail (2), J. M. Omar (2), A. B. Hamson, G. Winch, B. R. Iranee, C. W. Lam.

AINSLIE BEST PLAYER AT C.S.C.C.

By "Adrem"

Civil Service's best feat was beating Craigengower in their last match of the season. At the outset they appeared unlikely to win a single game but eventually they took full points from University and C.C.C. and drew with R.A.F. and Army.

Young George Ainslie was the best cricketer of the year and finished up at the head of both the batting and bowling lists. Apart from a score of 86 against R.A.F., however, early in the season, he did little further in the batting line.

RECORD OF MATCHES

P. W. L. D. Pts.

8 2 4 2 8

RESULTS OF MATCHES

C.S.C.C.—44, lost to Recreio, 129 for 5 dec., by 85 runs.
" 183, drew with R.A.F., 100 for 5.
" 112, beat University, 109, by 3 runs.
" 83, lost to K.C.C., 192 for 8, by 7 wks.
" 67, lost to Police, 143 for 9, by 7 wks.
" 99 for 5, drew with Army, 206 for 2 dec.
" 95, lost to I.R.C., 99 for 5, by 5 wks.
" 102, beat C.C.C., 86, by 5 wks.
Civil Service scored 785 for 75 wickets, giving an average of 10.47 per wicket, against their opponents' 1,064 for 54 wickets, an average of 19.70 per wicket.

BATTING

	I.	O.	R.	S.	Avge.
G. Ainslie	7	0	159	86	22.71
G. Stone	7	0	118	33	16.85
H. E. Strange	7	0	73	19	10.43

Following also batted:—H. F. Harper (0, 1, 4, 20, 4, 6, 0), V. C. Bond (21, 24, 0, 0, 2), T. Lockhart (0, 5, 10, 3, 5, 19), L. G. Buckle (1, 5, 12*), A. J. Wright (12*, 13, 13, 0, 0), R. Lawrence (0, 0, 0), J. T. Lacey (0, 0*, 5, 0*), K. J. Attwell (2, 17, 6, 0), H. Strange (5), N. Whitley (12), R. J. Fenton (9), A. Sheppard (0, 0, 0, 0*, 0), R. G. Robertson (4, 6), J. Millington (0*), J. F. Macgowan (8, 25*), P. D. Crawley (0*, 14*, 17*).

BOWLING

	Inns.	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avge.
G. Ainslie	7	27.6	1	150	14	10.71
K. J. Attwell	3	11	0	64	4	16.00
L. G. Buckle	3	26	3	90	5	18.00
V. C. Bond	5	41	1	224	8	28.00
G. Stone	7	41	1	178	5	35.60

Following also bowled:—N. Whitley (3—0—8—1), R. J. Fenton (4—3—0—23—5), R. G. Robertson (14—1—11—4), H. Strange (4—0—28—0), J. F. Macgowan (11—2—39—0), J. V. G. Mitchell (12.6—2—73—2).

Following held catches:—G. Stone (4), L. G. Buckle (2), K. J. Attwell (2), A. Sheppard (2), T. Lockhart (2), G. Ainslie, V. C. Bond, R. J. Fenton, P. D. Crawley (1).

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F.A. COUNCIL MEETING

An application by the Sing Tao Sports Club for membership to the Hong Kong Football Association was allowed by the Football Council at its monthly meeting yesterday.

The Council also agreed to allow the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation to arrange a charity match in aid of the Society for the education and relief of youths from the occupied areas.

It was stated that the Navy and Eastern will probably play a return match in aid of charity next Sunday. Eastern was also granted permission to visit Macao to-morrow.

Mr. Walter Hanming Chen proposed that an honorarium of \$1,000 be paid to the Hon. Secretary and Assistant Honorary Secretary.

The Chairman, Mr. W. Pryde, proposed an amendment that the honorarium be the same as last year—\$750—saying that while he appreciated very much the services rendered by the officials concerned, he felt that a fund should be built up for the time when they would have to engage a permanent Secretary.

The amendment was carried by four votes to three.

Though official news had not been received, the Chairman remarked he had heard Hong Kong defeated Cambodia by five goals to four in the first match of their visit to Saigon.

(This score is correct, being received from our staff representative with the team yesterday.—Sports Ed.)

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The FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be CLOSED from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

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THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED**NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING**

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 16th April, 1940.

NATURALIZATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that ARKADY ALEKSEEVICH KORSHONOFF, of the Police Headquarters, Victoria, Hongkong, is applying to the Governor for naturalization, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Hongkong.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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GREEN ISLAND HANDICAP**

2nd Day—Monday, 13th May

In view of the number of entries received for the above, it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.30 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets \$5 each, will be held on this race but "All through" chances will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,

C. B. Brown,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th May, 1940.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY ON SATURDAY, 11th and MONDAY, 13th May, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, and at 12.30 p.m. on Monday.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on the First Day and at 12.00 NOON on the Second Day. The Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1.00 p.m.) on the Second Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

The temporary green cardboard badges are now cancelled and will no longer procure admission to the Enclosure.

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 per day for Gentlemen and \$3.00 per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m. on the First Day and at 10.45 a.m. on the Second Day. Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

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Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Tram Station	1505
Taikeo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (Walterbede)	297
Mainland	Feet.
Tai-mo-shan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1871

PUPPET ADHERENT MURDERED

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.
HSIA TSE-TING, BELIEVED TO BE A FAIRLY IMPORTANT PRO-WANG CHING-WEI OFFICIAL HERE, WAS MURDERED LAST NIGHT WHEN HE WAS LEAVING A DANCE-HALL IN THE INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT.

He was killed by two gunmen as he walked from the well-lighted entrance of the dance-hall to a taxi.

The assassins fired point-blank at him and escaped in the ensuing confusion.

It is generally accepted that there was a political motive for the murder.—Reuter.

ONE WHOPPER AFTER ANOTHER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.
The German High Command claims the destruction of 23 Allied submarines during the 28 days of the Norwegian campaign and the sinking of 2,300,000 tons of belligerent and neutral shipping since the beginning of the war.

On May 3, the Nazis claim, a British battleship, a heavy cruiser and a large transport were sunk, while on May 4 a "former Polish destroyer" was sent to the bottom off Narvik.—Havas.

HITLER ORDER TO NARVIK GARRISON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.
Hitler yesterday ordered his troops in Narvik to hang on at all costs, at the same time ordering contingents of the German Army to proceed with all possible speed to strengthen the garrison and render futile any British attempts to gain a foot-hold, according to reliable sources.—Havas.

IMPORTANT TALKS IN BUCHAREST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.
Special importance, in view of the present tense situation in the Balkans, is attached to the economic negotiations which opened here yesterday between Rumania and Turkey on the arrival of the special Turkish mission.—Havas.

POLISH EXILES CELEBRATE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Buenos Aires, To-day.
Poland's national holiday was celebrated here, yesterday.

M. Pyglik, head of the organisation for Poles living abroad, stressed the suffering of the Polish people and expressed assurance that Poland would recover her freedom and her place in the family of nations. The French and British Ambassadors attended the function.—Havas.

FRENCH WAR CABINET MEETING

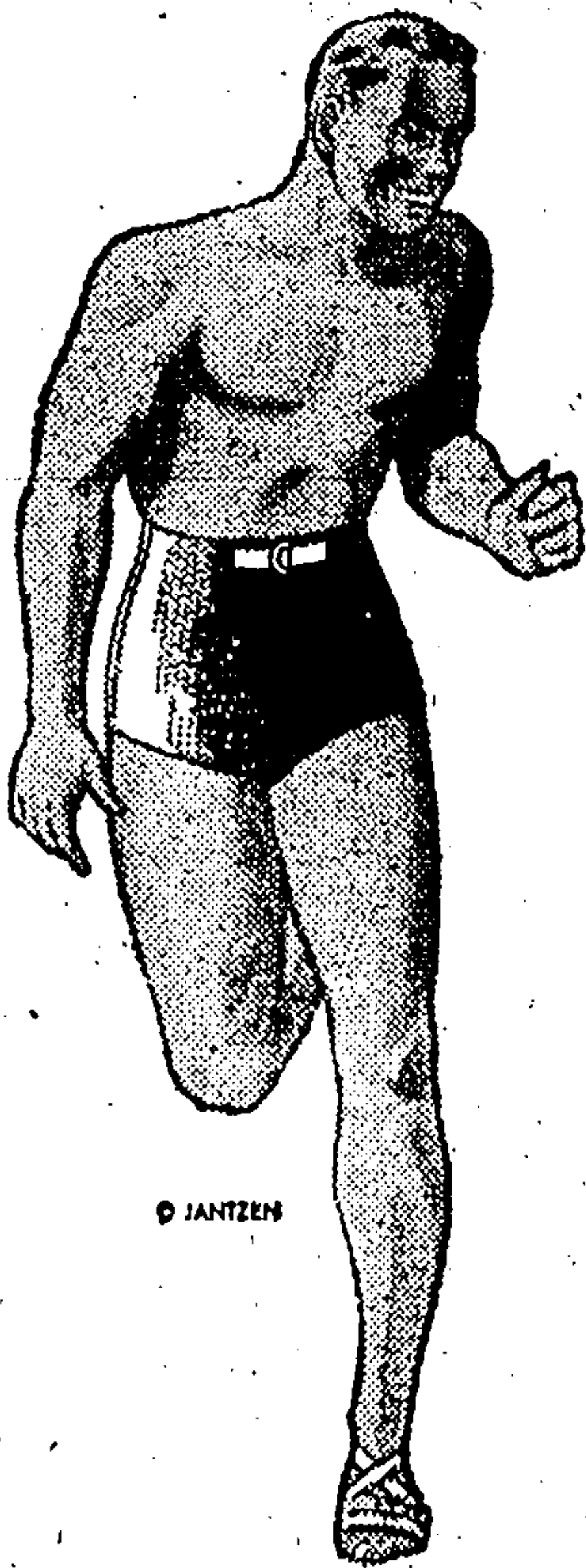
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.
The War Cabinet met yesterday afternoon at the Elysee Palace under the chairmanship of President Lebrun. No details are available.—Havas.

PEIPING A.R.P.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Peiping, To-day.
The inaugural ceremony of the Peiping Air Raid Defence Corps was held yesterday afternoon in the Palace Museum. Yu Chin-ho, Mayor of Peiping and Commander of the Corps, delivered an address explaining the significance of the organisation. Mr. Yamaguchi, Chairman of the Peiping Japanese Residents Association, is adjutant-commander of the Corps.—Havas.



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London, To-day.
The newspapers predict that to-day's debate in the House of Commons will go beyond the immediate subject of the Norwegian campaign. The whole conduct of the war will be called in question. Several editorials observe that the lesson from the Norwegian campaign is that the Allies have been able to realise the formidable strength of their adversary and that no half measures will bring them victory.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that Mr. Chamberlain, when he rises in the House of Commons to-day, "will be conscious that the issues at stake range far beyond the immediate subject matter of his statement itself. From a strictly military standpoint, the setback in Norway is no major disaster of a kind likely to imperil our victory. Its real significance is its relation to the energy, foresight and efficiency with which the war as a whole is being conducted."

"We want to be sure that we are really gathering our strength for the decisive ultimate attack. More than that, we must be able to convince the outside world no less than ourselves, for the attitude of the neutrals, so vital to our diplomacy, is dependent much more on our strength and prospects than on our morals. A tensely expectant world will study the nation's reaction to the Government's case as carefully as the case itself."

"The Times" says:—"It is not fully realised that the Nazi Party and the General Staffs of the German Armed Forces are one. To strike a tremendous blow behind a dense smoke-screen of deception, feints, propaganda and sabotage was ever the ideal of the German General Staff, but it required the aid of the Nazi doctrine and philosophy to perfect the process. This is based on treachery and a complete lack of scruple, but is marked by vigour, imagination and boldness."

"We cannot imitate the treachery but we can prevent our minds from running in ruts and re-animate our intellects to meet the conditions of total war."

The "Daily Mail" says:—"The debate will widen. People want to know what is going to be done to beat Germany. There must be radical changes in the Government now."

The "News Chronicle" comments:—"So far, we have only been waging half a war. We have been fighting it in our spare time with our spare resources. Now we must end that perilous folly and start to wage total war."

Finally, the Labour paper "Daily Herald" expresses doubt about Mr. Chamberlain's fitness to govern.—Reuter.

London, To-day.
What is perhaps the strangest story of the wild days in Central Norway is told by a tall young captain who was one of the first advance party landed at Aandalsnes.

After five days of fighting he found himself cut off with a few men and with Germans before them and behind them.

"I did not hear the orders to clear out, so I stayed," he declares simply.

"Our little band got broken up and I found myself alone in a village from which the inhabitants had fled."

"I broke into a house and took a tweed suit and some food, and set off for the railway, where, to my joy, I found a trolley with pedals."

"I got on and I think I pedalled about 20 miles down the line. Subsequently, I found five other strugglers."

"We kept together until three who were absolutely licked insisted on resting. We three went on."

For eight days this officer wormed his way over mountainous country past enemy positions. He rejoined his unit at Aandalsnes just before the ship sailed.—Reuter.

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